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SANTA, A MARKET, & FESTIVE LIGHTS King Square gets set for a... CHRISTMAS BONANZA!

IT is just nine days until King Square will be lit up with festive Christmas lights and Santa Claus rides into town!

On Saturday, November 28, there will be whole day of events, leading up to the appearance of Father Christmas and the festive illuminations.

Emma Thorne, who is helping to organise the special day, told The GEM: "It all commences at 10am with the market stalls opening. "There will be more than 20 stalls with a range of goods including computer technology, engraved gifts, jewellery, clothes, a face painter and lots more. Hot food and beverages will be available with three different types of food vendors on site all day. We also have a sweet stand.

"Events on the square start from 12pm, with bands and activities for the children. Bro Radio will also be on King Square to join the festivities.

by **GEM REPORTER**

"During the day we will be joined by Santa and his sleigh, offering sweets and photos with children and adults."

The light switch-on ceremony will commence at approximately 5pm and the market will remain open until 6pm.

Emma added: "Come and be surprised and amazed by the sights of the lights and marvel at our fantastic tree!"

The event has been organised with the help of the Vale Council, Holton Road Traders Association and TL Computer Systems (Wales) Ltd.

Last year saw over 1,000 people turn up for the 'switch on' event, with the council forecasting more than double that amount this year.

There's more information on the Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/events/1467663206873924.

WHY PUPILS ARE JUMPING FOR JOY...



ABOVE:
 Gladstone Road pupils were keen to raise funds for the Children in Need appeal.
 (FOR MORE NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL, TURN TO THE REPORT ON PAGE 6).

PARIS TERROR: 'It's time to end multiculturalism'

— says regional AM

PEOPLE across the world were left horrified by the terrorist attacks in Paris which left 129 dead — and many others fighting for their lives in hospital.

In the wake of the horrific events of last weekend, a prominent Assembly Member, Dr Altaf Hussain, has said "multiculturalism has run its course", and that integration and the removal of barriers between people is the way forward.

SEE DR HUSSAIN'S FULL COMMENTS ON PAGE 16.

Log flume (and hotel?) for Island

BARRY ISLAND'S iconic log flume ride, which provided thrills for daytrippers over the decades, is set for a return.

The Danter family, who have revitalised the Pleasure Park this year, have given a new log flume the green light.

And The Vale Council has also welcomed a proposal for "a substantial hotel and resort development" on the site where the holiday camp used to be.

(For more on the hotel proposal, turn to page 3).

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'THANK YOU FOR PROUD REMEMBRANCE DAY'

ON behalf of the president and all members of the Cowbridge and District branch of the Royal British Legion, I would like to thank the Cowbridge Town Council and all of the Town Hall staff for organising both the Remembrance Sunday events and the Armistice Day Act of Remembrance.

We are also enormously grateful for the outstanding support from the clergy and team from Holy Cross Church, the Police, Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides, Brownies, Beavers, 293 Squadron ATC, and many other local organisations.

Finally, mention must be made of the crowds of local people who attended to remember in silence the ultimate sacrifice made of our many Service men and women in defence of our country over the last 100 years.

Once again, all of this made Remembrance Sunday in particular a day of which Cowbridge can be justifiably proud.

The role of the Royal British Legion is to provide lifelong support to the Service community past and present and the backbone of the organisation is the many RBL branches up and down the country.

Branches play a key part in identifying Service veterans, those still serving and their families who, through no fault of their own, may need support and advice.

It is this support that is enabled by the funds raised through the Poppy Appeal. Work in the branches, and in the Cowbridge and district branch in particular, is not confined to Service veterans.

Indeed, a number of the most active current members of the Cowbridge branch have never served and yet work tirelessly throughout the year.

Branch members meet every other month on the second Tuesday of the month at The Duke of Wellington. The next branch meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12, and anybody who may wish to broaden their support of the Service community beyond the Poppy Appeal would be made most welcome.

If you would like any further details, please contact me on 01446 774520 / email: davecpmorrison@tiscali.co.uk or the Vice-Chairman, Peter Davies, on 01446 775211 / email: daviesp99@hotmail.com

Again, our thanks to all for your continued support.

Dave Morris,
Chairman, Cowbridge & District branch
of the Royal British Legion.

'Shocked by Paris attacks'

I WAS deeply shocked and saddened waking to the awful news from Paris at the weekend. These were despicable, evil attacks and the perpetrators have shown themselves to place no value on human life.

I am sure that I speak for everyone in Wales in saying that our thoughts and prayers are with people of Paris as they come to terms with the tragedy.

Andrew RT Davies AM,
Leader of the Welsh Conservatives.

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MIXED MESSAGES OVER PROBLEM OF THE TRAVELLERS

I WOULD like to respond to the latest confused thoughts of Welsh Conservative leader, RT Davies, as published in your newspaper last week.

Referring to his view that the land occupied illegally by travellers at Hayes Road, Sully, should be returned for use by the village, Mr Davies appears to have conveniently forgotten to highlight that it was the Conservative-controlled Vale of Glamorgan Council that initially refused to take action against the travellers and evict them from the site that he refers to – now compounded by Labour's own refusal to take action.

Conservative councillors who at that time represented Sully, ignored my requests that action be taken to secure the site before the travellers gained entry.

Their party's dereliction of duty has, of course, left me, my fellow councillor Bob Penrose and the residents of Sully, continually fighting for the eviction of the travellers ever since.

Mr Davies also appears to be totally unaware of the actions of his own Conservative councillors on the planning committee, who joined the Labour party in refusing to support an application for allotments on the larger site put forward by Sully and Lavernock community council – and backed by the adjoining Beechwood College for autistic students.

This appears to extend a growing trend by Mr Davies and local Conservative MP, Alun Cairns, in publicly criticising unpopular projects, whilst their Conservative colleagues on the Vale Council are

voting them through by the busload.

Only recently, RT criticised the over-calculated housing totals which will soon see large chunks of the Vale concreted over – no doubt hoping that residents hadn't remembered the Conservatives' own, almost identical LDP proposals, and the subsequent Conservative support and vote for the current Labour presented-LDP!

Mr Cairns has of late voiced support for Barry residents in regard to the appalling incinerator and ash processing plant proposals destined for Barry Docks; yet at a recent meeting he also conveniently forgot to mention that both projects had been voted through by the Conservative group on the Vale Council.

Fortunately, I was able to remind him and concerned residents of this fact.

There appears to be a pattern of adopting populist stances highlighted in the media, in direct contradiction to the party's elected representatives' actions in blighting Vale communities with their decisions.

One would have thought that Mr Davies, as Conservative leader in Wales, would be aware of his colleagues' actions.

The Conservative (and Labour) legacy for Sully appears to be an illegal gypsy camp, and the very real threat of overwhelming the village infrastructure with hundreds of new houses.

Less hypocrisy and more action is needed. Vale residents aren't fools.

Kevin Mahoney,
UKIP councillor,
Sully Ward.

'Plan flies in face of parties' survey'

IT would appear that the Vale Council has an ambitious plan to construct 10,000 new homes, which flies in the face of a recent survey by two political parties, which shows that this need has been greatly exaggerated.

Where is the respect for our green and pleasant land?

It's preferable surely to develop brown field sites and long-vacant retail units in town centres, where there are existing facilities and services?

A current planning application in my village of St Brides Major to build a new estate in our cherished conservation area is disgraceful.

If successful, this would not only

vandalise national heritage, but be the first such development in a conservation area in Wales and in England, too.

What a dreadful 'achievement' for the Vale! What hypocrisy, as it drives a horse and cart through their own regulations as set out in their 'Appraisal and Management Plan' for this conservation area.

This is essentially a small farming village, which has limited services in every respect – and all this is to be decided by an urban-based council.

Shame on you – have you no respect or consideration for your rural communities?

I despair.

Mrs Ros Morris,
St Brides Major.

'Exercise referral changed my life'

I WRITE to say just how much I have enjoyed the exercise referral course at Barry leisure centre over the past 16 weeks.

This is a scheme which has been developed by the Welsh Government, in conjunction with local authorities and the NHS across Wales, as part of 'Health Challenge Wales'.

The scheme enabled me to take part in a high-quality exercise programme to improve my health and wellbeing.

I had not exercised for years, so to be referred by my GP was a big step – but the activities, including mini circuits and the gym, have made a real difference to my life and it has been a

life-changing experience.

Why not get yourself on board and get yourself referred by your GP? It is only £2 per session.

All you have to do is turn up for two sessions per week over 16 weeks and follow a set programme. You will also receive excellent advice and assistance during these sessions to help improve your health and wellbeing.

I would personally like to thank my course tutors Andrew and Lance who have been extremely helpful over the weeks.

These guys certainly know what they are doing and help make the local courses here in Barry the success they are.

Coun Richard Bertin,
Independent councillor
for Barry Court Ward.

'Riders prefer to go on the road, not a cycle path'

MONEY is being wasted in Barry on projects that serve very little purpose.

Take the bollards in Thompson Street – nobody wanted or cared for them; the changing rooms in Maslin Park – wanted by the football teams, but you couldn't fit a football team in them; the beach huts on Barry Island – very pretty but serve no purpose.

Did the council not realise that to use a beach hut properly, you need to lease it for the whole season – not just one day?

Why on earth would anyone pay £40 to put their bags into a hut when they can sit on a beautiful beach for nothing?

Now we have the planned cycle path across the causeway to Barry Island. Did anyone ask the cyclists who regularly visit Barry Island their opinion? If they had done so, they would have discovered that the

cyclists will not use the path – they prefer the road, apparently roads are cleaner than the paths and therefore better for their tyres.

And how many cyclists riding down Ship Hill will cross the road to get onto the cycle path? Not many I would think.

The addition of the cycle path will result in two very narrow laneways carrying the traffic to and from the island. How dangerous will it be when cars have to overtake the cyclists who are not using the cycle path?

Has the council considered (after the continuous traffic problems suffered by residents and visitors trying to leave Barry Island) what will happen if a vehicle breaks down, or an accident occurs?

The proposed car lanes will be so narrow there will be a complete blockage. I and others would be grateful if the VoG would explain what contingency plans they have in place should this happen? (Name and address supplied.)

Why no safe footpath?

IT'S so great to see the new cycle-way going from the crematorium to Wenvoe, but as a keen walker, I cannot believe there is not even a footpath from the airport to Weycock Cross roundabout.

The danger of trying to walk this road was made obvious to me last

week, as I walked home. I was nearly knocked over by speeding cars, and forced to walk in overgrown, uneven grass. I will not do this again, as it felt very unsafe.

The new cycle path has a footpath on the other side of the road already.

When will we see Rhosee and Barry joined by a decent and safe footpath? **Clive Bowley, Barry.**

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL NOVEMBER 26)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
19 Thur			23.58	8.2
20 Fri	11.25	8.4	12.39	8.5
21 Sat	01.11	8.3	13.52	8.6
22 Sun	02.25	8.7	14.57	9.1
23 Mon	03.31	9.3	16.04	9.6
24 Tues	04.32	9.8	16.58	10.0
25 Wed	05.24	10.1	17.49	10.3
26 Thur	06.13	10.4	18.37	10.5

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Hotel could be set for Nell's Point

A PROPOSAL for a substantial hotel and resort development on the site formerly occupied by Barry Island's holiday camp has been welcomed by the Vale Council as a significant first step towards another exciting chapter in the resort's recent history.

The Nell's Point site, currently used as a temporary car park, and the adjacent grade II listed toilet block was this summer the subject of a marketing exercise by the council.

Following this the council's cabinet has now agreed a 'preferred bidder' so that

negotiations can begin with the developers on proposals for a hotel, leisure facilities and re-use of the toilet block.

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration, greeted the news with qualified optimism. "The council's preference has always been a tourism and leisure development for Nell's Point and we are delighted to now be able to enter into discussions with a developer that shares our vision."

"While it must be emphasised that we are still at the first stage of what could be a lengthy process, the outcome of the marketing exercise shows just how far Barry Island has come in recent years and the level of confidence that now surrounds the resort."

The iconic resort has this year enjoyed one of the busiest summer seasons in recent memory following a £3m regeneration programme delivered by the Vale Council with funding from the Welsh Government.

The project has won plaudits throughout the summer and been shortlisted for a Welsh planning award, two months after having been recognised as an excellent example of regeneration at a UK town planning awards ceremony.

If progressed then the new hotel would overlook the renovated eastern shelter, the colourful beach huts, and popular climbing wall, which have been central to the Island's transformation.

FIRST TIME BUYERS ARE LOOKING AHEAD!



All Saints Primary School pupils at the estate agent's office in Barry.

AN excited class from the local All Saints Church in Wales primary school was recently shown the ropes at Chris Davies Estate Agents, on Barry High Street.

Invited by sales negotiator (and former LSA) Debbie John, along with sales director Andrew Fenton, the children were given a

guided tour of the office to see the ins and outs of moving house.

"They enjoyed a question and answer session - the best question was arguably from five-year-old Fern, 'Do you sell boat homes?'" a spokesman said.

"After some squash and biscuits, the children enjoyed sitting at the office desks, looking at the secure key

cupboard, the staff areas and company meeting room. They were gently introduced to a process which some of them may well experience in the future!

"Thanks must go out to the teachers and parents who came with the children, and it must be said that all children were impeccably behaved while in the office - a real credit to All Saints!"

Fancy dress for Children in Need



TO raise money for Children In Need, teachers and pupils at All Saints Primary, Barry, donned superhero outfits for the day and were later joined

by MP Alun Cairns. He commented: "Children in Need is always enthusiastically supported in the Vale - none more so than at All Saints Primary. It was a fantastic effort by staff and

pupils who came up with some stunning outfits. From Harry Potter to Superwoman, the imagination and creativity shown by everyone in the school was fantastic to see."

Armistice Day is marked in Dinas on the 11th and at 11am



'Knit and natter' at Barry library

A brand new 'knit and natter' group is coming to Barry Library on November 24.

Everyone is invited and very welcome to join in, whether a novice with needles or a

complex crochet champion.

A spokeswoman said: "We would love to welcome you to our group. It will run in the library, in partnership with the charity 'Volunteering Matters', every Tuesday between

10am-12 noon.

"There will be free tea and coffee, patterns and a small supply of needles and wool as well as a chance to get involved in knitting for charities, meet like-minded people and inject a bit of creativity into your morning!"

For more information call Barry Library on 01446 422425.

Among those attending are Coun Chris Franks, Lyn Johanson, Keith Hatton, Val Hartrey, Roy Gee and Allan Johanson.

A SIMPLE ceremony took place on November 11 at 11am led by the Legion members and Coun Keith Hatton, chair of the Dinas Powys Community Council. Rev Andrew James led the prayers.

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RAVE REVIEWS FROM PUPILS FOR CAST OF 'LORD OF THE FLIES' IN BIRMINGHAM

ON November 5, 50 key stage 4 pupils from Bryn Hafren Comprehensive visited the REP Theatre in Birmingham to watch a live theatre adaptation of William Golding's classic novel *Lord of the Flies*.

The students on the

trip are studying the novel as part of their GCSE English literature course.

Before the show, the Barry students attended a workshop that gave valuable insight into the play that would help in their studies. The workshop helped refresh their knowledge of the characters and themes and helped to develop an understanding of other

important aspects of the novel.

One year-11 pupil said: "It was really helpful to have someone teach us about the novel in an exciting way, rather than learning out of a textbook."

The show itself interpreted the 1954 novel in a modern way that would help more students connect to the story. Pupils really enjoyed the show and felt totally immersed, partially due to their earlier workshop, but also being seated so close to the action added to the realism, making the performance much more authentic.

One student said, 'I loved the show! I also thought being seated so close made it so much more exciting. It was almost as if you were part of the action!'

A good day was had by all, a lucky few even got to meet some of the cast! This experience will help pupils have a more thorough understanding of the novel and hopefully improve exam grades too!

by Emma Robinson (year-11)

WI defibrillator gift for village

HAVING heard that the Welsh Ambulance Trust is working with the British Heart Foundation to promote the benefits of public access defibrillators in communities, Dinas Powys WI members decided to fundraise to make this provision available in their village.

It was then agreed to provide a defibrillator immediately as a gift to the community of Dinas Powys to mark the centenary of the WI movement, and WI member Mrs Chris Poole offered to fund a second machine in memory of her daughter, Zoe.

WI ladies will hold a series of events in the New Year to fund cabinets so that the machines may be available 24 hours a day. In the meantime, negotiations are under

way with two local businesses so that the machines will initially be available during their opening hours.

As ever, Dinas Powys WI members have had a busy autumn, celebrating the centenary both locally and with neighbouring institutes.

Members have visited Jane Hutt AM at the Senedd, and have taken in the autumn colours of Bute Park, entered the Glamorgan WI quiz and enjoyed the Federation of Wales conference held this year in Cardiff.

Topics at meetings have included the benefits of the internet and the various ways of wearing scarves. In October, a harvest supper was enjoyed by all.

Members are now looking forward to kicking off Christmas at the next meeting on Tuesday, December 1.

JILL DAVIES

Local pupils take up a challenge!



ABOVE: Colcot Primary School pupils enjoy solving problems.

ON November 6, Colcot Primary School pupils enjoyed the first 'Challenge+' Friday of the new school year.

The school initiative challenges all children to use their literacy and numeracy skills to solve problems and extend their own learning in a range of problem-solving tasks.

They included this month a crime scene investigation, a business challenge and food science and mobile technology activities.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and used a range of skills during the day.

The pupils are now looking forward to the next Challenge+ Friday after Christmas.

Portrait sculptor tells of his art

ON November 10, Luke Shepherd spoke to Dinas Powys Probuc Club about his career as a portrait sculptor.

Luke was born in Cardiff and after early training as a conventional artist, decided that sculpting a head would be more interesting and allow greater scope to bring out the character of the sitter.

His first work, at the age of six, was of a dinosaur but his later commissions came from many well-known people. Commonly, a bronze may be given as a present or as a permanent record of a company's founder.

Luke emphasised that it was essential to understand the personality of a subject if the resulting bronze was to be a success and usually four or five

sittings would be needed. Rhodri Morgan and Billy Connelly were interesting subjects, who wanted to know all about the modelling process. George Thomas squeezed in four sittings, but was a bit cross with the result and persuaded Luke to modify his first attempt.

Sir Roy Caine, a surgeon who carried out the first liver transplant in 1968, and actor Christopher Biggins also sat for Luke.

Stuart Burrows suddenly burst into song on one occasion!

His only rejection was from Leo Abse, who hated the bronze at first, but it is now in The National Museum of Wales.

The vote of thanks was given by Haydn Jones.

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White Gecko Craft Lounge open!

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CEMETERY APPROACH: Gardens plan taking shape

LAND in Barry once earmarked for development, is now beginning to take shape – as community gardens.

The approach to Barry Cemetery was saved by a protest campaign.

Coun Shirley Hodges, who had opposed any housing development, said she was "thrilled" to see the scheme get under way.

"Plaid always supported this land being for public use and not housing. We understand the special nature of the area as a ceremonial entrance to the cemetery. "We are excited by

the development of gardens on both sides of cemetery approach," she added.

"Plans include substantial work to improve the road, as well as landscaping of the area. Also it's great that we can keep as many of the healthy trees as possible, replanting where needed. There will be a new modern community building on site.

"I'm proud that Plaid councillors played a part in helping the residents win this important battle. "All too often, we have been walked over by the authorities. This time, the community has won."



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Tanya's family is 'overwhelmed' by local community's response

by PHILIP IRWIN



Tanya and her three sons.

Beechwood College scoops an award

BEECHWOOD College at Sully has been recognised as an Asdan centre of excellence in creative teaching and learning.

A spokeswoman reported: "Staff serve 64 young people from all over the UK with autism spectrum condition, many of whom present their own challenging behaviours and have complex needs."

"The college was nominated by regional managers of Asdan for its outstanding practice. It runs Asdan courses in performing arts, gardening, agriculture, horticulture, carpentry, with the aim of working towards independence."

THE family of Tanya Floyd, the Cowbridge-born teacher who died tragically last month, say they have been "overwhelmed" by the support they have received from the community.

It was three weeks ago that The GEM reported on Tanya's sudden death – something that had devastated two communities, the schoolchildren and staff at the school where she taught in Caldicot, Monmouthshire, and all her family and many friends in Cowbridge, where she was born and brought up.

Tanya's father, Peter Clinton, said that a just-giving page to raise money for her two favourite charities, the Y Bont children's charity in Bridgend, and Cancer Research Wales, now totalled £6,200, and was still rising.

He said that a number of groups were organising further fundraising events.

Peter said: "I am the caretaker at Cowbridge Community College and everyone there has really pulled together."

"They held a charity coffee day and various people associated with the college donated towards an auction and raffle."

"Peter Cronin, an artist and tutor, donated a painting, and the local floral group donated an arrangement."

"The willow basket-making class made a donation too, and an anonymous donor sent us two tickets for Laser Quest."

The Vale Motorbike Club, based at Llandow, plan a charity ride in the future, and a local band, 'The Thang', put on a concert in aid of the charities on Saturday, November 14, at the Horse and Groom in Cowbridge.

Events were also being planned for next year, as people were determined to remember Tanya.

Peter said: "Tanya's husband Mark, and his brother Paul, together with my sons Paul and John, are all starting training for a 10K run and obstacle course event in March."

Peter paid tribute to Tanya and Mark's three sons Josef, Elis and Finley, saying that they had been so strong since the tragedy.

He said: "They are so proud of their mother, because Tanya talked to them about her belief in organ donation, and they understood and supported it."

"Now, Mark has been told that at least five people have been helped after Tanya's death, and the boys have that sense of pride to hold onto."

In the two weeks since The GEM reported on this tragic event, the online response has been unprecedented. More than 6,000 have visited The GEM's website to read the story.

The just-giving website, www.justgiving.com/teams/TanyaFloyd is still open for donations.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Barry At War group talk

PASTFINDERS and Barry at War group invite you to a presentation at Barry Island Station on Wednesday, November 25 at 7pm. Mr Russell Phillips will speak on Wrecks and Relics On the Seabed. Free Admission, museum open.

Free tax advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and

Vale is holding a free tax session at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Monday, November 30 from 9.30am to 11.30am. No appointment is needed, retired professional tax advisers on hand.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information; home visits can be arranged.

PACT meetings

CADOC – Meet Your local officers at Waitrose on Thursday, November 26 between 10am and 2pm.

DYFAN – Sunday, December 6 at Highlight Park Community Centre at 7.30pm.

OLDCASTLE at Brynteg Lower School Library on Wednesday, November 25 at 6.30pm.

RHOOSE – Coffee and a chat on Monday, November 30 at the Highwayman Inn at 11am.

Upcycling course in Gibbonsdown



Participants with furniture they created.

B A R R Y Community Garden is offering residents the opportunity of creating furniture at an upcycling course on November 21.

Taking place at Parkside Christian Centre, 20 participants will be taught how to create indoor or outdoor furniture from wooden pallets. Expert instructor Sam Holt from Eggseeds will be on hand to teach the basics, taking residents through the step-by-step process.

Lisa Williams, manager at Barry Community Garden said: "This upcycling course is available to residents of any age and ability. All tools and pallets will be provided so come along with a bit of lunch and you will end up going

home with a beautiful planter or window box to call your own!"

"The course will take place from 10am–4pm at Parkside Christian Centre, St Brides Way, Gibbonsdown, Barry CF63 1TZ at a cost of £25 per person to include the completed furniture to take home. To book please contact me on 07501 468694 or email lisa.williams@newydd.co.uk."

The course aims to raise funds for Barry Community Garden which is located just off Dyfnallt Road next to Pencoedre Splash Park.

Now managed by Newydd Housing Association and owned by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Barry Community Garden is an outdoor project available for the whole community to enjoy.

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Duke of Edinburgh Remembrance Sunday memorial walk

ON November 8, Remembrance Sunday, members of Barry Comprehensive School's Duke of Edinburgh group participated in a memorial walk in the Brecon Beacons, along with Mr Gamble, Mr Hutton, Miss Rowe and Mrs Davies.



Luke Grant, Barry Wanderers' player of the year 2015,

The walking conditions were challenging, but the boys persevered, showing great determination to reach the Wellington bomber R1465 crash site and memorial cairn.

The group had the opportunity to explore the site before hearing a brief history of the events of 6th July 1942. They learnt that the bomber crashed whilst on a cross-country training exercise, due to heavy cloud.

The pilot had descended in order to pinpoint their position, but hit the top of the mountain. The crew of five Canadians were killed in the crash. The memorial cairn was constructed in 1980 and is a recognised Canadian war memorial.

The group placed poppies around the

wreckage and as part of the service at the memorial, further showed their respects by observing a two-minute silence. All of the boys were excellent representatives of Barry Comprehensive School and we are looking forward to making this an annual activity for future Duke of Edinburgh groups.

Player of the Year

Barry Comprehensive student Luke Grant showcased his raw talent as a cricketer this season. Luke, who is in year-9, was nominated as player of the year 2015 at Barry Wanderers and also took the most wickets in the season, an impressive achievement. Well done, Luke!



Pupils remember the fallen and Children In Need



ALL the children and staff at Gladstone Primary, Barry paid their respects on Wednesday, November 11, during a moving service of Remembrance held at the school, followed by two minutes' silence at 11 o'clock.

Representatives from each year group, together with Mrs Val Turner, chair of governors, placed poppy wreaths on the

Gladstone Memorial plaque, which honours past pupils who lost their lives during the Great War.

"The sombre mood changed on Friday with everyone dressing up in pyjamas for Children in Need.

"Thank you to our generous Gladstone families who kindly donated £290 for this worthwhile cause," a spokeswoman said.

Library fight goes to Court of Appeal



ABOVE; Save Rhose Library campaigners, with Michael Imperato (right) of Watkins & Gunn Solicitors.

RESIDENTS at Rhose have been told they can appeal, after losing the first round of their legal fight against the Vale Council heard in the Court of Appeal.

The villagers have been campaigning for more than a year against the council's plans to close Rhose library as part of a cost cutting plan, unless volunteers come forward to take over the library and run it themselves.

Last month, the campaigners' case was heard by a High Court judge. In a judgement issued last week, the

judge ruled against the Rhose campaigners but also gave them immediate leave to appeal to one of the highest courts in the UK, the Court of Appeal.

"We're naturally disappointed that the Judge didn't rule in our favour," said Adam Riley, a father of three from East Aberthaw who is part of the Save Rhose Library campaign.

He added: "We've maintained throughout that the Vale Council didn't follow correct procedures and, as a result, elderly and young people in our community will lose a much valued service."

"We were delighted to

see that the judge agreed the council had not thoroughly considered the impact of the plans on some of the more disadvantaged groups in the community.

Michael Imperato, one of Wales' leading experts in administrative and public law, and a partner at South Wales law firm Watkins & Gunn, is representing the Save Rhose Library campaigners.

He said: "Rhosse library is a very important case that is part of a bigger issue concerning the viability of libraries. I'm delighted that we have been given the opportunity to take this matter forward."

Sully U3A look to plan ahead

AT their November meeting, Sully U3A members enjoyed an informative and entertaining talk from estate planner Kevin Thomas on the theme of 'tax, care and toyboys.'

He described estate planning, the process of planning ahead so that the wealth accumulated during your lifetime can be passed on to your intended beneficiaries.

He outlined three major problem areas: inheritance tax, care fees and MAD (marriage after death).

Kevin stressed the importance of making a new will on re-marriage to avoid the possibility

of disinheriting one's children.

The different ways of owning a home, including tenants in common, was discussed and the importance of setting up a power of attorney.

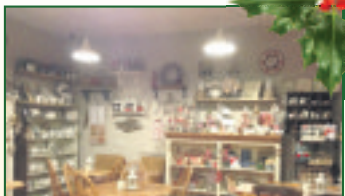
Kevin ended by humorously comparing the approx; one per cent interest offered by a cash ISA and the 7 per cent increase in the cost of funerals.

The December meeting will be the Christmas party. New members are welcome at the next full meeting on January 14 at 2pm in The Old School, Sully.

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Day care users star in film!

USERS of a day care service in Barry for people with physical disabilities have starred in a film commissioned by the Legal & General company.

It highlights difficulties faced by people with a physical disability when calling a contact centre.

All the actors have a disability and their experiences include call handlers lack of knowledge of disabilities and their impact, complicated and confusing options, and information supplied too fast.

The New Horizons Day Centre, run by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, was chosen because it was found to be the

only centre of its type in Wales, run by a local authority for people with a physical disability.

The film will be shown across the Legal & General group of companies, as part of training and development and shared with other companies.

ABOVE: Linda Ruston, day service officer; Louise Payne, day opportunities manager (Vale Council); Sandie Dunn, people development manager (Legal & General).

Front row: Lynne Whelan, Valerie Smith, Charlotte Ashmore, Sarah Goodyear and Mark Roderick (all New Horizons service users).

WATER ACTIVITIES CENTRE NEEDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR BIG LOTTERY FUNDING



ABOVE: front, left to right – Keith McIntyre (site manager), Paul Dowling (Atlantic College), Linda Hayes, Cliff Hayes (The Intersensory Club), (Chris Basten (OWR chairman), Keith Lewis (Barry Yacht Club), Teilo Robinson (Barry Sea Cadets) and Nigel Vick (Barry Youth Watersports).

Back row – Matt Jenkins (Cardiff Canoe Polo Club), Chris Parr (Sully SC), Karen Davies (Vale of Glamorgan Play and Sports Development Manager), Mark Lloyd (South Wales Stand UP Paddle Club), Dave Brierley and Andrew Zacharias (Penarth Rowing Club), Paul Kennedy and Russell Phillips (Barry Sub Aqua Club), Stephanie Robinson (Llantwit Major Surf Life Saving Club), Chris Braggins (Rhoose Lifeguards), Lindsey Muller and John Littlewood (Bridgend Canoe Club).–

THE user organisations' representatives of the Barry Community Water Activities Centre recently held a meeting at the Mole on Barry Docks, to discuss the way forward for sailing, rowing and canoeing at No 1 Dock.

The big talking point was being turned down by the Big Lottery for a CAT2 grant, on the premise that there was insufficient

community support for the project.

It was agreed by all organisations that prior to any further grant applications, they would provide additional written proof of support.

They also proposed that the general public be encouraged to indicate their approval for the plans, and letters of support should be emailed to the secretary@bcwac.co.uk

U3A's turkey and tinsel trip!

GOOD weather, superb food and great company, all came together to make a five-day Turkey and Tinsel trip to Holland a most enjoyable experience for members of Barry U3A.

The only downside was a very early start as the coach left Barry at 4am; however, there was a great deal of laughter among the yawns and the high spirits

continued throughout the entire holiday.

Excursions to Maastricht, Aachen and Monschau gave opportunities for cultural experience and retail therapy.

The highlight of a day tour around the lovely Limburg countryside was being able to visit the point where Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands meet – some members of the party ensured that they were able to stand in three

countries all at the same time! Evening walks around the little town of Valkenburg, where the holiday was based, were very popular as the Christmas lights and decorations were all in place, prior to the opening of the Christmas market.

This is the fifth Turkey and Tinsel Barry U3A have enjoyed and those who went on the trip considered this year was certainly one of the best!

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Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Branch Manager Phil Powell feels that it's all about service. "Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although

that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, RCT and Porthowl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated."

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Tax credits: WHY PENALISE THE LOW PAID?

THERE was a time in this country when we helped people to get into work. We told them that it paid and that working would always mean that they were better off than being on benefits.

That is changing. We now have a Government in London that wants to bin that, and to penalise those who work hard for their families but are on low pay.

Nothing illustrates this more than the proposals to do away with tax credits, a system that has helped so many people into work, and has helped raise their incomes, despite being on low pay.

In Wales, 134,600 families will be at risk of losing an average of £1,300 every year, with some losing £3,000 next April. This represents a cut of 10 per cent in the income of the lowest paid in society and it comes at a time when tax rates



by Carwyn Jones, AM for Bridgend and First Minister

for high earners have been cut.

Why attack low paid people in this way? It wasn't them who caused the financial crash in 2007. It wasn't those looking after the elderly who loaned money to those who couldn't pay. It wasn't those helping with children who caused the Northern Rock to collapse. Yet these are precisely the people who are being made to pay.

Those in the financial sector whose recklessness crashed the world economy in 2007 haven't paid their share. They still get bonuses and they still have their tax breaks,

but those on £11,000 get penalised.

It's true to say that the living wage will be increased, and nobody would argue with that in principle, but the financial burden for that will be borne by businesses, many of whom have said that they can't pay it.

What the UK Government has done is transfer the financial responsibility from government to business to help the lowest paid; it has abdicated its responsibilities towards them.

So, people who can ill afford it will lose out the most, and many businesses might go to the wall. At the same time, those who bear the most blame will prosper.

On top of that, those people who will lose tax credits will have less money to spend, and that means the local businesses that they use will suffer because that money isn't making its way to them to help them to continue.

Who said we're all in this together?

Soroptimists win the Vale MP's support



Janice Charles and Linda Lot-Miller met local MP Alun Cairns.

MEMBERS of the Barry and District Soroptimist group have been promised backing by Vale MP Alun Cairns, in advance of White Ribbon Day on November 25, which is aimed at ending violence against women.

Janice Charles and Linda Lot-Miller from

the local Soroptimist group met Mr Cairns to explain more about the campaign.

He said: "The White Ribbon campaign is an important initiative that is being supported by the Barry and District Soroptimist group. It was interesting to learn more about the initiative that has run for a number of years, and I was pleased to receive the white ribbon."

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Custody visitor award for Barry town councillor

BARRY councillor Shirley Hodges has received a long service award for volunteering as a custody visitor.

She explained: "Independent custody visitors stemmed from the Lord Scarman report on the Brixton riots in 1981. Lay visitors are allowed to visit detainees held in custody suites at any time day or night for 365 days of the year, without giving prior notice of the visit and must be given immediate access.

"They can usually speak to anyone held in custody, with their permission, checking on their welfare and that they understand their rights under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act.

"On Saturday, November 14 at our annual seminar I was presented with a long service award by Alun Michael, South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner for volunteering for over 12 years as a custody visitor. I really have enjoyed being a volunteer and South Wales Police have made me feel welcome in their



custody suites. "A lot has changed for South Wales Police in that time. When I started I was visiting small custody suites

across Cardiff and Barry. There is now one custody suite in Cardiff Bay with a 60 cell capacity," Coun Hodges added.

Shoe Box appeal

SCHOOLS and church organisations throughout the Vale are once again supporting this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box campaign.

Nearly 1,000 shoe boxes have already arrived at Unit 37b warehouse on the Llandow industrial estate to be checked by the many volunteers who are there to support this campaign, and over the next few weeks organisers are hoping to exceed last year's number of 23,000 shoe boxes.

More information regarding this year's campaign can be found on the website at www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/ccc

RAISING THE ROOF TO UPGRADE CONSERVATORIES

Once the preserve of the wealthy who wanted to cultivate exotic species of flora, today it's estimated that around one in five UK homes have a conservatory.

Offering additional light, with relatively fast construction times, up to 200,000 conservatories were built per year during the height of their popularity.

However, some homeowners found that the full glare of the sun in summer and chilly temperatures in winter made older conservatories uncomfortable, with the only solution being a costly rebuild.

The good news is that building technology has moved on and, as with glazing, there are some thermally efficient roof options now on the market that can be added to the existing conservatory structure.

'Activ' Glass roof

A straightforward upgrade for those who want to keep an uninterrupted view of the blue skies up above is to opt for a modern, low emissivity (low-e) 'Activ', energy efficient glass roof.

Helping to reduce the variations in temperature associated with older, traditional glass or

polycarbonate roofs, 'Activ' low-e glass helps cut solar glare, protect furniture from fading and keep heat in during the winter months.

For even greater insulation there are now two solid roof options that can be retrofitted to an existing conservatory, without the need for significant structural modifications.

Tiled roof

The new, lightweight, tiled roof takes its design cues from the slates and tiles found on most UK houses. As a result it works well on most properties and comes in a range of finishes to match any existing architecture.

Created using aluminium panels, with Kingspan insulation, these roofs can achieve a u value of just 0.18, similar to that of a normally constructed, modern roof.

With this option, the interior of the conservatory can include a plastered ceiling with down-lighters or even roof windows to keep the view of the stars.



LivingRoof

For a more contemporary feel, there is a third option called the LivingRoof. This modern roof combines the sleek lines of a glass roof with the shade and thermal efficiency of a solid conservatory roof to create something that looks and feels very contemporary.

With the LivingRoof, entire panels can be

replaced with glass to create a hybrid solid and glass roof meaning the homeowner can choose where to have shaded areas and where to have more light.

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'KITCHEN TABLE IDEAS CALL FOR SUPPORT AND VISION'

REFLECTING on a busy year, without even considering the small matter of a general election, I have had the pleasure of attending so many wonderful events in Barry and the rest of the Vale.

My diary doesn't always allow me to attend events I would like to go to – but,

even so, the events that strike me most are those that simply started out as an idea on the kitchen table.

All of us have sat down with family and friends over a drink or two and thrown about ideas. It is how I imagine the Cowbridge Music Festival started, or how the hugely popular GlastonBARRY and Penarth Rocks began in earnest.

The same applies to the new shops and concepts opening in Barry and Cowbridge. The incubation of any local project all involved an idea that a Vale resident came up with and took a risk to start.

Last week in Cowbridge, Nicola Benedetti – a box office star in her own right – played to a packed audience. It was a remarkable event that I felt privileged to attend, because I know that such a major star appearing would have seemed hugely ambitious before the Cowbridge Music Festival became a reality.

The vision shown by Mary Elliot-Rose and the group of volunteers deserves to be recognised as an idea – a fantastic idea – that was turned into reality. They should rightly feel very proud, and it is very exciting to think about what next year will

bring. In Barry, it is just as inspirational. Two Barry cousins got together to start a number of events – because they spotted a door was ajar.

Again, the plans would have started on the kitchen table, but I find it inspiring to see these events are now a fixture in Barry, having pushed the door well and truly open.

The GlastonBARRY annual festival has really captured the imagination, and looks set to be even bigger and better in 2016.

It takes a huge amount of effort and belief in a project to stand up and give something a go.

Ross Mackintosh and Matt Blumberg looked at the very real risk of starting a major music festival and went for it with their own investment – they now deserve all the praise for turning an idea into a fantastic success.

I meet so many

people in Barry and the wider Vale, who have some fantastic ideas that will help continue to provide our towns and villages with interesting and unique events like the ones in Cowbridge and Barry. I want to do all I can to encourage more.

It is not just events, but major projects, too. The initial plan to reopen Barry Island fairground started on a blank piece of paper before a deal was struck to see the return of an icon to Barry.

The wider plan for regeneration is continuing, but each development could be considered as a step to bigger things.

The delayed Barry Island link road has not helped progress, but I have been discussing at length major multi-million pound projects in Barry with a number of people who want to invest their own money into the area.

These projects could transform areas that just a few years ago were simply dormant. All it takes is vision – we can guarantee that from an entrepreneur who has taken the idea from the kitchen table.

But we also need to see vision from a local authority that is open to new ideas by taking away barriers to investment and progress. With that

vision, the entire community can benefit – from a box office musician playing on your street or a music festival that can make a summer – to a striking transformational project.

They all start the same way, as an idea. In the Vale we should welcome them, nurture them and all enjoy them.



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

On course for an engineering career

ABERTHAW Power Station has helped three local students achieve qualifications for a career in engineering.

Thomas Worrall and Lewis Davies from Rhosne and Cwmbran successfully completed a four-year apprenticeship in July 2015.

Alex Granville completed the four-year power programme and is now an assistant mechanical engineer at the site.

At a recent RWE award ceremony, students were presented with their course certificates.

Alex also received four awards for best skills course results, best portfolio, best overall theory and highest overall achiever.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 VARIATION OF FEES FOR PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR LICENCES.

Notice is hereby given that The Vale of Glamorgan Council proposes to vary the fees for the grant or renewal of Private Hire Operator Licences pursuant to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The proposed variations are:

	Existing Fee	Proposed 1 Year Fee	Proposed 5 Year Fee
Private Hire Operator Grant	£225	£218	£573
Private Hire Operator Renewal	£225	£214	£560

Any objection to the proposed variation of the above fees shall be made in writing/fax or email and sent to the Director of Environment and Housing Services, Licensing Section, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, fax 01446 709808, email licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk, within 28 days of this Notice stating the grounds on which it is made.

The following variation of fees shall come into operation on 30th November 2015.

	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee
Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers Licence – Grant 1 Year	£83.50	£99
Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers Licence – Renewal 1 Year	80.00	£96
Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers Licence – Grant 3 Years	N/A	£230
Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers Licence – Renewal 3 Years	N/A	£225
Disclosure & Barring Service Certificate	£44	£44

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Dated 19th November 2015

M. E. Punter

Director of Environment and Housing Services



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Verona flights from Cardiff Airport:

Flybe announces new route in summer schedule

FLYBE, Europe's largest regional airline, this week revealed its 2016 summer schedule from Cardiff Airport including a new route to Verona, in total

offering passengers a choice of up to 120 flights a week.

Tickets are available for booking now at www.flybe.com with one-way fares from £24.99, including taxes and charges, and available for travel from March 27 through to

September 30, 2016.

"The new route to Verona will operate on Saturdays. This romantic city is located in northern Italy and is particularly famous as the setting for Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*, also being a 'must see' destination for lovers of architecture and opera," a spokeswoman said.

Other highlights of Flybe's summer schedule include increased frequencies on Milan and Faro which will both operate four times per week.

The launch of Verona brings the total number of Flybe routes operating at Cardiff to 14, including two winter services to Chambery and Geneva. The 2015-16 winter ski routes will continue through to April 16 to accommodate those

travelling over the Easter holiday period.

Debra Barber, managing director at Cardiff Airport said: "We are delighted Flybe has chosen to add a 14th route to Verona to its Cardiff base. It is also testament to the popularity of flights to Faro and Milan that Flybe has increased frequencies to these destinations to meet demand."

"We know customers want more choice and this announcement provides more flight options for travellers to and from Wales, plus offers great value for money."

Other Flybe routes operated to/from Cardiff during summer 2016 will include: Belfast, Cork, Dublin, Dusseldorf, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Jersey, Munich and Paris.

BRIDGEND APPRENTICES HANDED TOP AWARDS

A **TALENTED** young apprentice from Bridgend who works at Dow Corning in the Vale, has won the Welsh Outstanding apprentice award at this year's prestigious **EEF/Aldermore Future Manufacturing Awards**.

James Brearley (aged 21), won the outstanding final year apprentice award, sponsored by JAM Recruitment.

Another Bridgend apprentice, Nia David (20), from Olympus Surgical Technologies Europe, was runner-up for the outstanding first year apprentice award, also sponsored by JAM Recruitment.

They beat off competition from ten other apprentices across the region, after impressing judges with their dedication to their apprenticeships and



ABOVE: James Brearley (centre) with Paul Byard, national director EEF Wales (right) and Graham Wood, JAM Recruitment.

determination to pursue careers in manufacturing.

James is now in the running for the national title. He will be going head-to-head with other winners from across the UK at the national awards being held in London in January next year.

He said: "I'm delighted and shocked to have won this award. It's a great feeling to be recognised in this way for doing something I genuinely enjoy and that is setting me up for life. I'm only at the very start of my career in manufacturing and already it is proving to be both rewarding and challenging in equal measure."

"I can't wait now for the national finals next year, where I'll have another chance to prove myself."

Nia David commented: "I've met lots of great apprentices who are dedicated, hard-working and inspirational, which is why I am so honoured to accept this award."

"I hope my success encourages more apprentices to enter these awards, and other young people to seriously consider becoming an apprentice too."



Nia David (centre) with Paul Byard, national director EEF Wales (left) and Graham Wood, JAM Recruitment.

Looking for Pamela

I AM trying to trace a friend, Pamela Marsh, who lived in Penybont Road, Pencoed; we went to Birmingham teachers' training college in 1964-1967.

If anyone has any information on her whereabouts, please contact Jenny Langley (nee Makepeace) at Jennifer@stallios.com; telephone 015394 44037 or mobile 07783090548.

Jennifer Langley.

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ValePlus cheque towards minibus



AS part of a relaunch of Tesco Extra Culverhouse Cross, customers had the

opportunity to vote for their favourite charity to receive a share in a £1,000 prize.

The store has chosen two winners, one of which was ValePlus in Barry, who provide lifelong learning and

leisure opportunities for people with a learning disability in the Vale and Cardiff area.

Members of ValePlus accepted a cheque for £500 from store manager Andrew Jones at the relaunch on October 26.

In the picture receiving the cheque are Angharad Pritchard, chair of trustees Mike Shanahan and service users Rebecca Donnelly and Wayne Jenkins.

Dave Noble of ValePlus, said: "We're so grateful and honoured to be nominated to receive this donation."

"This money will go towards a new minibus to support those in need in our local area attend courses and workshops."

"We'd like to thank the Tesco Extra store at Culverhouse Cross and all those in the community who nominated us."



The winner of the World Cup raffle is announced.

YMCA World Cup raffle drawn

THE World Cup raffle at our YMCA store in Broad Street, Barry, was a great success.

It was won by green ticket number 430. Margaret from Barry, the winner, was over the moon to win and her son came down to claim her prize.

We raised £417 for the YMCA hub in Barry which will help them to keep up the great work they do for young people in our community.

We would just like to say a big thank you to all our customers for their support which made this event so special. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into our store soon.

Jackie Collett
(Assistant Manager).

Craft fayre at All Saints

ALL Saints Church, Park Road, Barry are holding a craft fayre and coffee morning inside the church on Saturday, November 21 from 10.30am-1pm.

There will be craft stalls, bric-a-brac, tombola, cake sale and refreshments plus raffles (one includes a Christmas hamper).

Entry is £1 with all proceeds going to the church roof fund.

Commissioner to co-host Children's Day event

THE Children's Commissioner for Wales, Professor Sally Holland, will be co-hosting a training event designed to create 'Super Ambassadors' for young people in the Vale, as part of plans to mark Universal Children's Day 2015.

Participants at the Vale event on Friday, November 20 will be drawn from the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Rights Ambassadors project.

The Super Ambassadors scheme, to which all primary schools can sign up, enables pupils to become the Commissioner's ambassadors in their schools and tasks them with fulfilling three missions each term.

Ahead of the event, Professor Sally Holland said: "I am delighted that my office will be co-hosting an event for

all my Super Ambassadors in the Vale. I am excited to have been asked to open the event and will be present throughout the morning to meet and talk to children and teachers. I can't wait to meet them."

The Rights Ambassadors project came to the attention of the Children's Commissioner following a very successful first year.

The project enables young people aged 11 – 25 from across the Vale to receive accredited training on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and to develop and deliver workshops for other children, young people and professionals across the county.

To find out more about this event, or the Rights Ambassadors project or the event, contact 02920 701254, or email gdevans@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

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Fundraising to the fore at local Scout group

THE 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group family prize bingo night took place on November 14 and was a huge success.

The group would like to say a massive thank you to all the local businesses that supported the event by donating prizes. From Rhose, Toby Carvery, Ang's Hair Salon, The Spar,

Premier Mini Market, Barratt's Butchers, Sublime Hair, Deano's barbers, Coffee Time, Raj Kinara, Maria's Beauty, Barbuzz Hair Design, Tesco Express, The Pontygarny Inn, Cymru Framing and Vinyl Life.

Also the Blue Anchor, Aberthaw, The Six Bells, Penmark and The Three Horseshoes, Moulton. There were also other prizes donated by Plant

Ice, Hollywood Bowl, Cardiff International Pool and Glamorgan Cricket Club as well as a number of other prizes donated by individuals from the local community.

Without their generosity, the event would not have been the success it was.

A big thank you also goes to the Rhose Social Club for the use of their family function room and, last but not least, thank you to all those who braved the wet and windy night to join and support the event.

1st Penmark with Porthkerry is a charity and so fundraising events are crucial to generate funds for the group to continue providing the exciting programme of events for the children and young people to enjoy.

Over the last week, Scouts have been go karting and have practiced other skills. Cubs have been to Go Outdoors, where they learned about bicycle maintenance and how to choose the right walking boots and sleeping bag. Beavers have been looking at the solar system.

Next weekend, Cubs are visiting Big Pit and then having a Christmas sleepover at the Scout hall, and Beavers are looking forward to junk modelling.

Christmas Scout post

is another way of raising funds for 1st Penmark with Porthkerry group and it is their biggest annual fundraising initiative. It requires people to purchase Scout stamps from local outlets in Rhose and the surrounding villages.

Stamps are on sale now at 25p each and cards can be delivered throughout Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. The last posting day is December 7 and all cards will be delivered between December 12-20.

Scout post has been operational for more than 30 years and between 700,000 and 800,000 cards are sorted and delivered each year.

The Scout hut 'Penkerry' will be transformed into a temporary post office during the week of December 7 and the group are always very grateful for help with sorting; so if you have any time in the evenings that week from 6pm, they would love to see you at the hut to join in with this community project.

If you would like more information, or would like to get more involved with 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group, please get in touch with the group Scout leader or Gsl at penmarkscouts.org.uk.

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LOOK AT US, AREN'T WE DOING WELL, SIR?



Countdown to organ donation

WITH just weeks to go until the organ donation law changes in Wales, people are being urged to register their decision ahead of December 1.

As part of the ongoing 'It's Time to Choose' campaign, an information roadshow and digital countdown van will be touring Wales to inform people about the changes to the organ donation law and will visit 18 locations between November 23 and 27. The roadshow will be in Bridgend on Friday, November 27 at Asda from 9am to 12pm and at Asda, Cardiff Bay from 2pm - 5pm.

On December 1, Wales will become the first country in the UK to introduce a soft opt-out system. The new system will make it easier for people to make a decision about whether or not they want to become organ donors.

Under the new system, if people have not registered a decision to become an organ donor (opted in) or a decision not to become an organ donor (opted out), they will be considered as having no objection to being an organ donor - this is known as deemed consent.

To find out more, visit www.organdonationwales.org.

THE St Richard Gwyn RC School held a special morning on November 12, when teachers of last year's year-6 were invited to year-7 lessons to see the level of work the students are producing and how they are progressing, and experience life in a high school for a morning.

Featured in the photo are Aled Williams, year-6 teacher from All Saints' C/W Primary School, together with some year-7 students, who went to All Saints'. Aled said: "It was a real privilege to see our past students and witness how they are flourishing at St Richard Gwyn." On Friday, November 13 St Richard Gwyn administration staff were doing their bit to raise funds for Children in Need. Dressing up as Pudsey and making the students laugh enabled them to hold a raffle and collection, the proceeds of which are still being received. Thanks to all who contributed and supported the event. CR

Know more about pancreatic cancer

TRAGICALLY, just four per cent of people with pancreatic cancer in Wales live for five years or more after diagnosis, and more than 400 people in Wales die of the disease every year.

I would like to invite your readers to learn more about the symptoms of pancreatic cancer and help us spread the word about this dreadful disease, because in Wales as across the rest of the world, we simply don't know enough about it.

Yet if more people were aware of the potential symptoms, which include tummy pain, itchy skin or eyes, yellow skin, or unexplained weight loss, more people could be diagnosed earlier.

And we know that the earlier people are diagnosed, the longer they are likely to live. Your readers can find more vital information at www.worldpancreaticcancerday.org.

Dianne Dobson, Pancreatic Cancer UK Nurse Specialist.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Charity coffee morning

A COFFEE morning will be held in the All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth this Saturday, November 21, at 10am - noon. Admission £1. All proceeds to charity, plenty of bargains for all!

Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and Town Councillors for Buttrills and Court Wards - Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan - will be holding their monthly advice surgery on November 21 from 10am till 11am in the small community room of Barry Library King's Square. No appointment necessary.

Tabletop sale

A TABLETOP sale will be held at Cartref Porthcawl Care Home, Salisbury Road, Barry on November 28 at 2pm, to raise funds for entertainment at the home.

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LOCAL SOROPTIMISTS TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT CONFERENCE



EIGHT members of Barry and District Soroptimist Club were among over 1,000 delegates from 23 countries who attended the 81st Federation conference of Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland, held in Glasgow in early November.

The central theme was 'Delivering the Difference', and one of the key speakers was Dame Stella Rimington, former director general of MI5.

Dame Stella, who was the first female director of MI5, is now a best-selling author of spy thrillers. She informed the delegates that women helped change MI5, and the image of the service for the better.

Other speakers included Joe Fairley, co-founder of the internationally successful Green and Black Chocolate, Sarah Montague of Radio 4's Today programme, Hon Justice Rowan Dowling, who recently completed eight and a half years as a judge on the Extraordinary Chamber of the Courts in Cambodia, dealing with war crimes, Andrew Bevan, who

works for International Justice Mission UK, and Olivia Giles who founded the charity 500 miles.

The Princess Royal attended the Friday morning session and spoke about the work of Save the Children charity. She was presented with a cheque for £4,000, a donation from Soroptimists to the work of the charity, which is currently appealing for funds to support refugee children in camps around Syria.

Two members of the club, joint programme action officers Jackie Memory and Pat Salt, addressed delegates on Kiva and their workshops with local primary schoolchildren 'Helping to Make a Difference'.

KIVA is an American non-profit making organisation which uses the internet and a worldwide network of microfinance institutions to facilitate loans. Through the club's involvement with KIVA, it has found a sustainable way to improve access to economic empowerment; provide educational opportunities both at home and abroad and enable women to find employment which will improve their lifestyle and those of their families.

At present, the club is supporting women in a variety of countries, including Vietnam, Uganda, Nicaragua, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan and El Salvador. By donating loans in units of \$25, projects have been funded to help women develop businesses, gain academic qualifications, improve sanitation in their environments, and access clean energy.

Once the loans have been repaid, money can be reinvested in further projects.

Another member of the club, Judith Lewis, director of finance for Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland, presented the annual accounts to the conference. She also proposed three financial resolutions, all of which were approved, which will result in a reduction in capitation fees for all members, both in the UK and, more significantly, for members in countries outside these islands.

The hope is that this will assist in the recruitment of new members to allow us to help even more women and girls.

To find out more about the club, visit www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district.

ABOVE: Club members enjoying the convivial atmosphere.

Brickwork students get a year ahead!



PICTURED, left to right, are Brickwork students Darren Roberts, Daniel Muratore and Callum Goddard.

BRICKWORK students at Cardiff and Vale College are one year ahead of their courses already – and the first full term hasn't even finished yet.

As part of the College's drive to ensure students are employable, Level 2 Brickwork students have been given Level 3 work to do on top

of their course. This extra work includes the sort of decorative brickwork such as building archways, which employers in the construction industry want from their workforce.

Trowel Trades Lecturer Chris Bridgeman said: "Some of the jobs they're doing haven't really challenged them enough, so we wanted to give them the skills they will need when they go into the industry. The quality of the work they've been doing has been pretty good and it's been good to see them challenge themselves."

Fellow Trowel Trades Lecturer Paul Sebburn added: "We're trying to push them and it keeps the students interested. These are the skills they will need when they go into the industry."

"There's such a demand for bricklayers at the moment, so we are trying to push them so they have the skills to get out there and get employed straight away. We want our students to be industry ready when they leave, not just qualified."

Student Daniel Muratore said: "The course is fun; it's challenging but I really like it. Hopefully, I'll be able to get straight into a job or an apprenticeship in bricklaying after this course."

Patient project in line for award

A PARTNERSHIP between the Vale Council, City of Cardiff Council, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Care and Repair Cymru and Age Connects Cymru, is in line for a national housing award.

The accommodation solutions project, which helps smooth transition from hospital to home, has been shortlisted in the Welsh Housing Awards.

The project is designed to help patients who are ready for discharge from hospital but cannot return to their homes due to housing issues, such as the need for adaptations. The five organisations work together to fast-track low level adaptations to patients' houses so that they and return home as quickly as possible.

Where this isn't possible, the team arrange a stay in one of nine specially designed apartments to aid their recovery.

The awards ceremony takes place on November 27 at the Vale Resort.

Four choirs in a charity fundraiser

DYFFRYN Gardens at St Nicholas in the Vale of Glamorgan is putting on three charity Christmas choir concerts this December to fundraise for its fountain project.

As many visitors may have noticed, there is a large concrete pit at the bottom of the great lawn; once a majestic fountain pool, the water feature has fallen into disrepair and has lain dry for many years, due to very leaky foundations.

After a very successful project, undertaken this year, to

restore three of the garden rooms to their former glory the team at Dyffryn Gardens has set their sights on their next project; and they are using your Christmas cheer to get them there. All you need to do is book a ticket to one of the three carol concerts happening on December 4, 11 or 18.

Four local choirs are donating their skills and time for free to help Dyffryn launch its fundraising for the fountain: Voicemale, Women in Harmony, Allegra Ladies Choir and Spectrum Singers are all taking part to get you into the festive spirit.

Kate Simons, visitor

experience manager at Dyffryn, said: "We are thrilled that all four choirs have given us their time to help us restore the gardens. Most of them have sung with us in the past so they are becoming a real part of our Christmas team. They are incredibly professional choirs too and the calibre is very high, so they are not to be missed!"

Tickets are £15 each and include a glass of bubbly and a mince pie at interval; 90 per cent of the ticket price will go directly into the fountain fundraising pot. The choirs are singing in the beautifully decorated great hall of Dyffryn House on the following dates at 7.30pm.

December 4 – Voicemale and Women in Harmony; December 11 – Allegra ladies choir; December 18 – Spectrum Singers.

For more information visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens.

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Steve Jobs biopic is an iMazing effort...



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ONE of the most high-profile figures, both in terms of technology and culture, in recent times, Steve Jobs, the creative brains behind Apple, was also one of the most divisive.

Some point to the impact he had in terms of revolutionising the technology we use to stay in contact with people and listen to music; while others feel he was a figurehead whose profile obscured the true genius responsible for what the company achieved.

Danny Boyle's take on the man (scripted by Aaron Sorkin) hits cinemas, and titled

simply *Steve Jobs*, tells of three key chapters in his life – firstly, Jobs (Michael Fassbender) and Steve Wozniak (Seth Rogen) unveil the first Mac computer; then a fired Jobs launches the NeXT computer; and finally with Jobs returned to Apple, he readies himself for the launch of the iMac, all set against the backdrop of Jobs' troubled relationship with his ex-girlfriend and daughter...

The life of Steve Jobs was certainly anything but mundane; from being at the forefront of innovation to be ejected from his own company, and then making a triumphant return by becoming a technological icon before seeing his life

cruelly cut short by a tumour in 2011.

To attempt to coalesce such massive achievements and moments would be ambitious, so director Danny Boyle and Aaron Sorkin's decision to strip it down into three separate sections may not deliver the all encompassing 'cradle to the grave' narrative you so often see, but does provide a detailed insight into the workings of a complicated, driven and, at times, cold man.

The lynchpin of all this is Michael Fassbender, who follows his incredible turn in *Macbeth* earlier this year with yet another superb performance. We see many sides of Jobs throughout the film – the impresario focused on wowing audiences with his new technology, the cold-hearted 'father' to a young girl, the driven-to-the-point-of-megalomania figurehead, the angrily exiled genius – and Fassbender delivers an incredible performance, convincing throughout.

There is a sense of a character being brought to vivid life, not just a mere impersonation of the man, and Fassbender's Jobs is as elusive and mysterious as you would imagine, never quite knowing what he's likely to do next.

Unsurprisingly, the performances around him are equally as strong; Kate Winslet does a superb job as Jobs' right-hand woman, her moral compass sometimes giving Jobs the guidance he needs; Seth Rogen's pivotal role as Jobs' brother-in-arms turned black sheep Steve Wozniak is well played, while Jeff Daniels offers the steady gravitas as the CEO who makes and then breaks Jobs, giving him the drive and anger to pull off his most audacious move.

These excellent performances come bathed in the dialogue of Aaron Sorkin, whose writing is a complete joy to behold, especially when made real by such a skilled troupe of actors. There is something of the stage about his story construction, a three-act play, and if the use of the same faces converging together at different times feels a little too convenient, then it's easily forgiven

when the exchanges are so superbly composed.

Add to that the emotional backbone provided by Jobs' awkward relationship with his daughter (superbly played by all three actresses), and you have the meat to go with the tightly-wound back-and-forths between the characters.

The substance of the screenplay is matched by Danny Boyle's direction, which lacks his usual tricks but delivers a masterclass in subtlety. Boyle's films are usually a visual feast full of quick edits, but here Boyle allows the drama of the script to dominate proceedings, restricting himself to some clever little techniques – back projections of slogans and imagery relating to the story, shooting the three segments in different film stock – but predominantly his camera stalks hallways and stages, creating an intimate and engaging feel.

There are no obvious resolutions, no 'clever-clever' little Easter eggs (save for a reference to making the walkman obsolete); just three snapshots of a genius at work, and it's this minimalist approach that pays dividends, as *Steve Jobs* is an excellent piece of work.

VERDICT: A clever take on the biopic formula, and one that with the talent involved makes it soar even more than you would hope. *Steve Jobs* is beguiling, engrossing, mysterious and substantial – not unlike the man himself. Superb performances, wonderful direction and Aaron Sorkin's gorgeous dialogue make this a wondrous effort. *Highly recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Moneyball* (2011), *The Social Network* (2010).

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, November 19 Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Llandybie artist Janis Fry.

A member of the Royal Watercolour Society of Wales, she will be giving a demonstration of mixed media techniques which she has developed herself.

The society's Christmas exhibition is on in the Old Hall, Cowbridge until December 3. Members are exhibiting paintings in a wide range of media, almost all of which are for sale, and at very reasonable prices.

On Thursday, November 26 the society holds its annual dinner at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall.

Cowbridge, 7pm – 9 pm and visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's activities see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Cowbridge Country Market

Tomorrow, Friday, Nov 20 there will be free samples of our usual Christmas goodies to taste and our Christmas order forms will be available. Mince pies will be on sale individually (instead of pre-packed) so that you can mix and match. We look forward to seeing you in the Lesser Hall, 9.30am – 11.30am.

Santa at Leekes!

SANTA and his reindeer descend on Leekes' store at Pontyclun on Saturday and Sunday, November 21-22, for a magical weekend of festive fun.

Children can visit Santa in his grotto and there are special appearances by his live reindeer between 11am-4pm; plus face painting.

a colouring competition and a golden ticket treasure trail.

Visits to Santa's grotto can be booked in store during the weekend, with all proceeds donated to the nominated store charity, Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independents will be holding a Surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, November 21 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend; no appointment necessary.

Energy advice AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding an energy surgery at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on November 24 (10am to 12 midday) when you can chat to one of the NEST advisers from the NEhe scheme.

No appointment is needed. For further information contact 01446 732385 or freephone 0800 8082244.

Heritage Coast talk

'THE Heritage Coast Through the Eyes of a Ranger', an illustrated talk by Helen Mills will be the topic of the Llantwit Major Horticultural Society meeting on Wednesday, November 25 in the Llantwit Hall.

Helen, an Area Ranger, will be sharing her experiences of the Heritage Coast which stretches 14 miles from Aberthaw to Porthcawl in the west, and her illustrated talk will include the wildlife, geology, ecology and management of this stretch of coastline.

All are welcome. The Llantwit Hall is behind the library at the back of the rugby club car park; admission is free and we look forward to seeing you.

Silver Band concerts

THE Pencoed Silver Band are joining the Tenovus Choir at the Two Brewers Pub on November 28 (2pm-3.30pm) for an early start to the Christmas festivities.

On November 29, the band will be at Seasons Christmas Outlet, Brynmere – all proceeds to be donated to Tenovus Cancer Care.

The annual Pencoed Welfare Hall Christmas concert will be on December 6pm, and they will also perform at the annual Christmas

Tree Festival at Nolton Church, Bridgend from 7pm-9pm.

For further information, call 07973 767197.

Christmas Art and Crafts fair

A CHRISTMAS art and crafts fair will be held at The Coast Café, Dock Street, Porthcawl on Tuesday, December 1, from 11am to 3.30pm. Everyone welcome to watch local artists at work.

Marie Curie coffee

RUSHING towards Christmas again and thoughts of Joe's Coffee Morning.

A time to remember lost but not forgotten family and friends, it will be held in restaurant Illtud 216, Llantwit Major on Friday, December 4 from 10am til 12.30pm. George and Einar have very generously offered us free hot drinks and cake.

Choral

Concert PORTHCRAWL Choral Society will hold their Christmas concert on Friday, December 4 at 7pm at All Saint's Church Porthcawl.

They will be joined by The Llynfi Harp Ensemble, young harpists led by their musical director Angharad Edwards. Tickets £6 from choir members or at the door. There will be mince pies and a raffle in the interval, free with each programme bought.

Cowbridge Choral Society MARK the start of the Christmas season with the Christmas celebration concert given by Cowbridge Choral Society.

Tickets are now on sale from WG Davies on the High Street, the box office telephone 01446 792175 and members of the Choral Society. The concert will feature the usual mix of traditional and newer pieces and be held in Holy Cross Church on Saturday, December 5. New members are always welcome to join Cowbridge Choral Society, and experience is not essential.

Rehearsals take place in the United Free Church, Westgate every Thursday at 7.30pm.

TY HAFAN LOTTERY DRAW WINNERS

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D905.

● £2,000: 460932.
● The rollover, which now stands at £1,000 was not won this week.
● £10: 234855, 116183, 603997, 276758, 783655, 857264, 660568, 505367, 970438, 422668, 516759, 516822, 783116, 480828, 649540, 165601, 686160, 527249, 186571, 000673.

● £5: 807981, 525723, 660818, 593420, 886642, 214236, 965244, 565765, 687704, 421553, 125409, 475670, 851572, 505280, 242665,

661696, 855581, 807693, 613015, 926410, 327885, 491099, 227754, 584468, 570181, 945529, 836772, 301124, 695310, 742914, 292612, 852567, 205032, 635804, 611291, 438873, 134566, 462565, 452756, 114433, 125320, 655022, 247358, 349894, 297089, 559084, 758150, 878724, 784739, 307387, 511542, 223642, 964869, 855741, 194056, 000960, 001800, 001308, 001723, 1985379.

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

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What's on the Big Screen?

BIG SCREEN's next film for this season is *Mr Holmes* (cert PG) on Thursday, November 26 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Sherlock Holmes (played by Sir Ian McKellen) is of advanced years by 1947. He is suffering from mild dementia and struggles when brought out of retirement to help solve an ancient case.

His housekeeper's son Roger (Milo Parker) aspires to be a detective like his hero and is keen to help the aged genius. But what's happened to Dr Watson?

Doors open 7.10pm. Tickets £4 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door).

Research centre honours a brave Grandmother for her tireless fundraising

BARRY
Grandmother Rosina Butler was recently invited to the International Cancer Research Centre in London, where she was invited to unveil a 'Challenger Wall', where fundraisers are recognised for their efforts.



Rosina about to cut the ribbon on the sixth Challenger Wall.

Diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008, Rosina battled through treatment and once fit again felt she would like to help fundraise for the charity. Rosina makes and creates a variety of craft

items, including cards, research into new and knitted and sewn items treatments identifying the causes of breast cancer. Initially, fundraising for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, the charity recently merged with the Breast Cancer campaign

and is now known as Breast Cancer Now.

It relies solely on donations to fund its work and has, over the last few years, been responsible for many breakthroughs in diagnosis and treatments.

In the recent past, Rosina has raised over £5,000 and is continuing to fund raise and act as an ambassador for the charity. Her family are rightly proud of her commitment and dedication.

Information on Breast Cancer Now and the research it carries out can be found at www.breastcancernow.org.

Come and meet the GVS team over a cuppa and mince pies!

GLAMORGAN
Voluntary Services (GVS) supports local community groups and helps people find volunteering opportunities.

A spokesman explained: "We are a one-stop shop offering a wealth of services, tailor-made for the voluntary sector. If you are a member of GVS or know nothing about our services, why

not come along to find out more?

"We are delighted to invite you for tea, coffee and mince pies to any of the following 'meet the team' events to be held between 6pm-7pm each night on: Monday, November 30 at the Lesser Hall, Town Hall Square, Cowbridge CF71 7AD.

"Also, Tuesday, December 1 at The Gathering Place, St Athan Church and Community Centre, Flemingston Road, St Athan CF62 4JH.

"And, Wednesday, December 2 at the Learning Room, Penarth Pier Pavilion, The Esplanade, Penarth CF64 3AU.

"We hope you will be able to join us to find out which of our services would benefit you or your organisation."

For further details about GVS and our services please get in touch with us on 01446 741706; email enquiries@gvs.wales; website: www.gvs.wales; registered charity No. 1163193.

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by Dr ALTAF
HUSSAIN AM

Multiculturalism has run its course... 'WE MUST FOCUS ON INTEGRATION'

FOLLOWING the brutal terrorist attacks in Paris at the weekend, Dr Altaf Hussain AM, a prominent Welsh Muslim, has warned that "multiculturalism has run its course" and that "we must

do all we can to encourage the integration of religious and ethnic groups as an urgent matter of policy."

The Welsh Conservative regional AM for South Wales West writes: "As we stand united with France, and stand against the evil that

would seek to destroy our freedom in the most abominable way, our focus inevitably now shifts to what our next steps must be in the battle against this evil.

"There will doubtless be much debate as to whether we can or should commit forces to the ground, and rightly the question of how we safeguard our borders will arise.

"These are all vitally important decisions that our governments simply have to get right.

"The events in Paris serve to highlight that we can no longer see this as a distant conflict in a region far removed

from our everyday lives – it is a war that is not only on our doorstep, but that has become interwoven with the fabric of our way of life.

"This presents us with challenges, not only in foreign policy, but with questions that arise immediately close to home and require an answer. At the root of the problem we face is the notion of 'multiculturalism'.

"This idea has guided so much of our policy in recent decades – and it is, quite simply, the wrong approach..."

"The idea of having communities that identify on the basis of race,

colour or religious faith living side-by-side – yet never properly integrating with each other – is a recipe for discord.

"It creates conditions where a distorted world view – a world view that allows for murder in the name of God, and one that is repugnant to true believers of all faiths – may find an ideal breeding ground.

"When you keep people apart from each other as matter of policy, and encourage communities to develop in parallel whilst never fully integrating with each other, you encourage people not to

get to know each other. "When people do not know each other, it is less easy for them to trust and co-operate with each other.

"It is not too difficult to see how an evil mind could, from this starting point, ruthlessly exploit this set of affairs in setting about the task of corrupting young people and brainwashing them into accepting a corrupted world outlook.

"Multiculturalism has run its course. We must focus all our efforts on encouraging integration between all religious, racial and cultural groups – celebrating our diversity and each

person's uniqueness – but removing the barriers which keep people apart.

"There is a difficult conversation that we need to have, and one which people of all faiths and political colours have ducked out of for too long.

"The stakes are now too high to avoid this conversation any longer.

"We need to be brave in our approach and have this conversation urgently".

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The selection day was held in The Young Farmers' Centre in the Royal Welsh Showground at Builth Wells.

They all competed against other young farmers in interviews to gain a place on their desired trip.

The programme offers unforgettable

experiences and adventures for members to travel the world, learn about different countries and make new friends.

Members can apply for trips as near as Scotland or as far afield as Canada!

Gower YFC member Tom James was successful in gaining a trip to Scotland.

"This is my first time travelling with Wales YFC, I am really looking forward to it!

"The highlight will be visiting the Highland Show!" he said. LE



Left to right: Angharad Williams – Colorado, Elen Williams – Strasbourg, Laura Elliott – Ulster, Tom James – Scotland, Laura Howell – Ulster, Louise Evans – Norway, Danielle Hooper – Strasbourg.

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wonderful special offer on this day for our Event. Spend £199.00 on Clogau and get a small Clogau Fairy Locket worth £149.00 absolutely free*, this offer is only while stock lasts so be early.

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Both the offer on 'Clogau' and 'Hot

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SPECIAL EVENT BOOSTS A WELSH CANCER CHARITY

THE public is being urged to follow a local day centre's example and help Cancer Research Wales by holding a 'Donation Day.'

Woodlands Day Centre is a day service for adults with learning disabilities and day service officer, Martin Woodsford said: "Each service user embraced the idea of helping the charity. They wanted to give back to the community and help to break down stereotypical barriers; the process has been quite inspirational."

Neil Hopkin-Thomas, on behalf of Cancer Research Wales, said: "We are delighted by the support from the service users and staff at Woodlands."

"We are encouraging all local businesses or places of work to hold a Donation Day and we will come and collect all donations which will stock our shops and in turn fund the incredible research undertaken by the charity."

"Cancer Research Wales funds a great



variety of projects in Wales which we feel are important in our battle against cancer.

"These are undertaken in universities and hospitals and cover cancers of the prostate, colon, breast, kidney, blood (leukaemia), cervix and esophagus."

For more information on holding a Donation Day or project, contact Neil Hopkin-Thomas on 0824 531557.

999 for emergency only

VALE AM Jane Hutt met Chief Superintendent Stuart Parfitt last week to discuss policing across the Vale of Glamorgan.

She emphasised the importance of raising public awareness of the 24/7 public service and urged constituents to call 101 when they need everyday advice and support from the police; as well as the 999 calls they may need to make in times of emergency.

Chief Superintendent Parfitt clarified that the front desk at Barry Police Station is open 8am to 6pm each day and highlighted the following other means of contacting South Wales Police for non-emergencies:

The 101 non-emergency number should be used to report non-urgent crime and for general inquiries.

It's the number to call if your car gets stolen for example, or if you want to report drug use or dealing, if your property gets damaged or to speak to an officer; if you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired you can textphone 18001 101.

If you are hearing-impaired you can also contact our minicom service on 01656 656980.

Alternatively, you can contact the Public Service Centre by fax on 01656 869362 or email: Publicservicecentre@south-wales.pnn.police.uk

Keep Safe Cymru service users can also register with Next Generation Text Service. The organisation provides an App, which will make it much easier for people with hearing and speech impairment to make phone calls – it can be accessed via: ngis.org.uk.

NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY

Vigilance is the word as winter hovers over hives

DESPITE the time of year, the mild conditions are seeing lots of colony activity – pollen is still coming into the hives and brood is present.

To all intents and purposes, the bees should have settled for winter; however, with temperatures around 14°-17°C, there is little chance of this coming about (it would be 4°C normally).

To get through any winter, the bees require sufficient amounts of pollen, plus sealed stores (honey).

Beekeeping literature indicates that the end of September should see all supplementary feeding completed, as this will have given the colony time to process any added foodstuffs that the beekeeper may have provided, and this year's very variable conditions saw many beekeepers having to feed liquid sugar to many colonies in order that they should not starve.

Conditions can't have been that bad, you might say, but although spring started off very well, the following months were wet and often windy.

With these prevailing conditions, bees do not go out foraging and, in any case, many plants would not be open or give up pollen or nectar.

Each colony has a laying Queen and on a daily basis she is laying eggs to expand the workforce of the colony, all of which require sustenance i.e. pollen and nectar.

Within the hive there is much going on, eggs and the larvae that develop from the eggs must have attention, the Queen must be fed and groomed, wax has to be produced plus temperature variations must be maintained to suit

the different sections of the hive.

All of this activity requires a ready source of energy, hence the need for in-house stores and as these stores diminish and if bees are confined to the hive, the beekeeper has to step in and lend a much-needed hand.

Then there is, of course, the Varroa to consider – and instantly we have a dilemma present. Current instructions suggest that there should be an absence of brood (especially sealed) if any control is to be undertaken, and if normal weather patterns were present this would indeed be the case right now.

There would be very little brood and the beekeeper could safely discount it and go ahead.

The control of the Varroa is a whole article in itself, but it has to be addressed by all beekeepers.

So is winter here yet? It does not appear to be. The loss of colonies over the coming winter due to lack of stores because of constant activity brought on by mild conditions is a real possibility. A regular check on the bees must become part of the beekeepers routine if such a scenario is to be avoided.

Should we get a sudden cold snap all bee activity, will cease; if stores are in short supply, any feed offered by the beekeeper will be ignored because the bees will not be active enough to process it.

They can, and will, utilise what they have prepared beforehand, but once that is gone the onset of starvation is more than likely to follow.

Feeding the bees is going to be a lot cheaper than having to replace them, so do it now before the weather changes!

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The magic of Penarth at Christmas Time

Friendly service, great products... Businesses stand the test of time



Dave Crompton and the team at Cut & Styled Hair Salon are booking in appointments for the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS is just five weeks away and the festive shopping spree is well under way in Penarth.

What makes the town centre special is reliable, established businesses that have stood the test of time because they deliver excellent products, along with top customer service.

One of the most familiar is **Penarth Carpets** on Albert Road – celebrating 25 years.

It regularly supplies

customers in Penarth, Barry, Cardiff and Newport, but has even sold to customers as far afield as west Wales and London.

The owners, Cathy and Andrew, provide luxury high quality carpets and flooring, and also middle range carpets. The former take around seven to 10 days to arrive, the latter can arrive overnight, so there's ample time to get something done in time for Christmas.

Cathy said: "We do top quality carpets and top brands. We've got a great pair of fitters, too. "We've even had

customers writing to the papers to say how good they are. The feedback we get is excellent – that they are really keen, helpful and accommodating."

There's a bewildering array of carpet samples in the showroom to browse through – and friendly advice too.

Cathy added: "If people want to take a swatch back to their house to match up with things, they are welcome."

The shop is open Tuesday to Saturday. For more information, call 02920 704375, or

go to www.penarthcarpets.co.uk/.

GOLDEN ERA
For longevity and continuity, one local hairdresser takes some beating. Dave Crompton, of **Cut & Styled Hair Salon**, will soon celebrate 50 years in the business.

The salon is unisex and specialises in colours and great cuts. It is located in Stanwell Road just a few yards off the main roundabout in Penarth.

Dave has been in the business since the golden era of hairdressing, when British stylists were setting trends across the globe.

Dave said: "I went through the Sassoon years in the 70s. For about 20 years, I took part in competitions around the country winning trophies. I then went on to judging for 15 years."

Although some styles, like perms, are not as prevalent as they once were, Dave is a firm believer that "fashion reinvents itself" – some cuts today resemble those of the 70s and 80s, but have softer looks.

Cut & Styled Hair Salon is a bright, friendly hairdressers, and all clients have to do is call 02920 708328 to book an appointment, or drop in to the business to see when the stylists can fit them in.

The salon will be open until 4pm on Christmas Eve, but closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day (the Saturday), but open again as usual on the Monday, December 28.

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This year's Christmas Festival will take place on Sunday, November 29.

A town council spokesperson said: "The annual parade is Frozen-themed this year and children in the town are encouraged to dress up as their favourite characters and join Elsa and Anna, and Father Christmas as they journey from West House on Stanwell Road to the town centre.

"From 2pm, there will be musical entertainment, donkey rides and fairground attractions on Windsor Road and Lower Glebe Street, as well as festive refreshments and stalls from local organisations.

"The parade will arrive in town at 3.30pm and Father Christmas will be

collecting letters from Penarth children to find out what they would like for Christmas, so don't forget yours!

"The lights will be illuminated by broadcast journalist, Fran Donovan at 5pm with help from our Frozen friends. "Entrants to the parade should gather at West House from 2pm and the parade will leave the grounds at 3pm for the journey into town."

On Thursday, December 17, the independent shops of Penarth will be remaining open for 'Late Night Shop in Penarth'.

From 5pm to 8pm, there will be on-street entertainment, festive refreshments and unique shopping opportunities from Penarth's independent stores, from foodie gifts to clothes, to crafts and jewellery.

TOP QUALITY SERVICE

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My Shoebox, run by Jed Finnegan and Elena Iridon, which opened 18 months ago at 5B Stanwell Road, is a stylish addition to the town centre, bringing high-quality, European brand shoes to local people.

The store caters for adults and children.

Elena said: "Among our top names, are Waldlaufer from Germany, which offers

superb comfort and quality of manufacture.

"Hogl and Legero reflect the attention to detail that Austrian shoes are renowned for. The spirit of English shoe-making is characterised in Loake and Chatham."

A number of shoes are waterproof – a particular favourite brand at the moment is a British one, Cotswold, which is specifically for hard outdoor use.

Jed and Elena go on

regular buying trips to Birmingham and London to track down the latest top styles.

Jed said: "We will be opening on the special Christmas late night Thursday on December 17 and for part of Christmas Eve. Our normal opening times are Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5.30pm."

To view My Shoebox shoes online, go to: myshoebox.co.uk; you can also contact them on: 02920 707413.

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For more information, go to: www.scottwroehearingcentre.co.uk; or call 02920 707760.

Ogam Igam's great shoes and handbags!



For top quality children and adult shoes, and a fantastic selection of handbags, pop in to Ogam Igam

OGAM Igam is a family-run store at 5 Royal Buildings, Victoria Road, Penarth, stocking a great range of adults and children's shoes.

There's a fantastic array of handbags which is already proving a "great Christmas seller". Definitely something for women who love that bit of style!

The showroom is spacious and the staff very helpful and friendly.

Among the top names are Clarks, Geox Breathe – really cute children's shoes – Joseph Seibel 'The European Comfort Shoe', Start-rite for kids and Sketchers.

The store will be open for the special Christmas Thursday evening on December 17, until 8pm.

On Christmas Eve, Ogam Igam will be open until 3pm. For more information, go to the website: www.ogamigam.com; or pop in for a browse!

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The magic of Penarth at Christmas Time

PEOPLE LOVE THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SWITCH-ON



This year's Christmas Festival will take place on Sunday, November 29.

There's going to be a Frozen theme this year. The lights will be switched on at around 5pm by TV sports journalist Fran Donovan, the two winners of the 'best dressed window' competition in the town centre, Cathy Evans and Judy Mancuso, and some helpers from Frozen.

As you can see from the images of previous years, the event draws a huge crowd of people of all ages.





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HIGH STREET, BARRY

Friday 27th November
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LLANTWIT MAJOR CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

Saturday 28th November
2pm to 7pm

Includes Santa, live music, lantern parade at **6.15pm** and the lights will be switched on at **7pm**.

LIGHT UP THE SQUARE

KING SQUARE, BARRY

Saturday 28th November
12 noon to 5pm

The day will start at **12 noon** with live music, festive street entertainers and street artists and returning for a second year, Barry Town Hall will once again come to life with a spectacular 3D Christmas projection show.

The 10 minute show will feature a festive story with music and beautiful Christmas images...one not to be missed. The projection show will start at **5pm** and will take place just before the Christmas Light countdown. The show will repeat after the Christmas lights have been switched on.

Holton Rd pedestrian area will also host a Christmas market on the **28th - 10am to 6pm**.

COWBRIDGE REINDEER PARADE

Sunday 29th November
Parade starts at 12 noon

Meet Santa and his reindeer. Christmas lights switched on at **5.15pm**.

PENARTH CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Sunday 29th November
2pm to 6pm

The festive festival starts with a parade at **1.45pm** at West House and the day includes Father Christmas, nativity scenes, live music and Christmas entertainment. The Christmas Light Switch On takes place at **5pm**.

ST ATHAN CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

Sunday 29th November
3pm to 5pm

The fun starts at 3pm with festive street entertainers and live music including brass bands, choirs and handbell ringers. Benhaz Ahter - BBC Wales' Weather girl, will turn on the lights at **5.00pm**. Mulled Wine and Mince pies will also be on offer throughout the day.

DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS FAYRE

THE OLD VILLAGE, DINAS POWYS

Friday 4th December
From 6pm

Enjoy fun, food, drink and festive music and entertainment. Plus browse craft and gift stalls just in time for Christmas presents.

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HIGH STREET, BARRY

Saturday 5th December
10am to 4pm

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COWBRIDGE LATE NIGHT SHOP

Thursday 10th December
5pm to 8pm

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LET IT SNOW!

CENTRAL PARK, BARRY

Saturday 12th December
10am to 4pm

For one day only Santa and his reindeer will be coming to town! The park will become a festive arena complete with snow, festive live music, street entertainers and Christmas play workshops. **Free Event.**

PENARTH LATE NIGHT SHOP

Thursday 17th December
5pm to 8pm

Take advantage of the festive special offers and pick up some unique Christmas gifts. Enjoy festive refreshments and music plus a live nativity scene.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

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Saturday 19th December
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A FESTIVE LOOK AT HOLTON ROAD

LET GREAT INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES HELP YOU...

THE Christmas season is under way and there's never been a better time to buy locally.

Holton Road and its surrounding streets have a huge range of independent shops, providing top quality products and service, so there's no need to drive miles into Cardiff or off to some distant retail park.

Independent businesses are good for a community's economy with money staying locally and likely to benefit others.

Holton Road is full of well-established businesses that have earned their stripes over not just a few years, but decades.

One business which fulfills that template at the top of Holton Road is **JPL Sound – The Barry Music Shop**.

Over the years, John Lewis and his staff have developed a reputation for good, straightforward advice on musical instruments and equipment. They have 40 years of experience in the music industry and are musicians themselves.

A musical instrument is often a popular Christmas present and it is best to go to The Barry Music Shop, rather than buy on the internet.

People who purchase



N & M Frangoulis has been serving the people of Barry since 1950.

on the internet can find an instrument incorrectly set up. John and his staff can make sure it is set up for use on Christmas Day to avoid disappointment.

The shop provides a guitar repair service and quality instruments are 'bought and sold'.

If you are purchasing a number of items you can even compile a 'wish list' and the staff will work out a special price. That's something you won't get over the internet.

The shop always has festive offers and provides 'best service' because it wants repeat business.

JPL Sound – The Barry Music Shop is well known not just in Barry, but throughout south Wales, for the numerous events it helps with its sound systems, including the annual Fireworks Fiesta.

N & M Frangoulis on Thompson Street is the oldest family-owned shoe repair business in

Barry.

It opened in 1950 and the original owner George Frangoulis developed a reputation for taking on the most challenging shoe repairs, and making the very best 'made-to-measure' hand-made shoes.

When his son Nick took over, he expanded its services.

Key cutting was introduced in the early 70s, which has developed and grown over the years, and it is one of the largest key stockists, including the cutting and programming of chipped car keys.

N & M Frangoulis also stocks the very best in British-made quality shoes, with brands such as Barkers, Cheaney, Padders, and Trickers.

There's a variety of high quality leather goods – including wallets, purses, passport and travel card holders.

Computerised engraving has been introduced to personalise gifts as well as stocking a range of trophies and Cups – together with a large range of genuine Zippo lighters which can be engraved.

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Ruckleys is Barry's one-stop children's store, stocking everything from early days to school days... And this year, Father Christmas will be visiting the store.

straps and dancewear.

HQ2 The Salon Hair & Beauty at 36 Holton Road is celebrating 12 years of success. It is a four-star rated salon, with a friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

Dawn Vaughan, the owner, explained: "We are already filling up fast with bookings for Christmas hair appointments so for people wishing to book that all important appointment call on 01446 400102, or pop in at any time to chat with the team."

"HQ2 is very well known for 'hair up' for those all important occasions!"

"The salon also has a resident beautician that has many Christmas packages."

A very popular treatment is the luxury facial for £35.

The team are always updating their cutting and colouring!

The salon uses the very top products on the market too, like Balmian for great hair extensions,

and Opti Smooth for hair straightening.

There are many Christmas packs in the salon too, starting from £10.

For more information on HQ2, you can go to Facebook!

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY!

TL Computer Systems (Wales) Ltd at 40 Holton Road is about to celebrate a notable landmark in providing computer support to the people of the Vale.

Julie Thorne explained: "In January, we will be reaching our 20th anniversary. We used to be across the road, but came here in the year 2000."

"We're going to be at the Christmas market at King Square on Saturday, November 28, with a stall. We'll have lots of quirky gift ideas for stockings, like Star Wars USBs."

The market will run from 10am until 6am and incorporates the Christmas 'switch-on'.

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Order Under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
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Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Saturday 28th November 2015	The area to be closed is Holton Road Barry from its junction with Ty-Newydd Road to a point 50m east of its junction with Llantwit Street.	18.00 – 20.00

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A FESTIVE LOOK AT HOLTON ROAD

CHANCE TO MEET SANTA

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SWEGWAY

Ruckleys, the ever-popular store with young Mums and Dads at 45 Holton Road, is welcoming a very special visitor in December – Father Christmas.

The owner, Faye Ruckley, told The GEM: "Father Christmas will be at the store on Saturday, December 12 from 10am to 5pm, and on Sunday, December 13, from 11am to 5pm."

Tickets in advance are £3.99 a child and for three children £10. On the day it's £4.75 a child and £12 for a family ticket.

Faye added: "Mums and Dads are welcome to bring their cameras along to capture their little one's delight on the day."

Ruckleys is Barry's one stop children's store, stocking everything from early days to school days. There are prams including the popular Egg brand; pushchairs; clothing for babies to six years old; Start-rite shoes (staff are fully trained in shoe-fitting); school uniforms; christening, bridesmaid and

pageboy outfits; in fact, something for every child.

Faye also runs a nursery savings club.

"We will order and store a customer's products until they need them. The customer simply pays a small deposit which means they can shop immediately for all their baby items without having to pay straight away."

And what are the big Ruckleys' Christmas presents this year? The fantastic Swegway self-balancing board at £299 is tipped to be the number one present this Christmas.

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A FESTIVE LOOK AT HOLTON ROAD

The Vinyl Frontier holds month-long Disney bonanza..



LEFT: The Vinyl Frontier – enjoy a coffee and a snack and you can browse thousands of vintage records, DVDs, box sets, CDs, cassettes and video games.

ONE of Holton Road's newest additions is lining up a month-long Disney-themed bonanza to celebrate its first Christmas on the 'high street'.

The Vinyl Frontier, at 39 Holton Road, is already building up quite a following with its distinctive yellow and black livery luring customers inside, where they are greeted with a smile and two floors of music and entertainment delights. There is also top quality jewellery and cosmetics thrown in for good measure!

The Vale's only outlet for thousands of vintage and rare records also boasts a superb array of DVDs and box sets, CDs, cassettes and video games, and a coffee bar with hot and cold snacks and home made cakes at unbeatable prices.

But to make Christmas a little bit special, owners Alison and Alan have

decided to add their own collection of exclusive Walt Disney world merchandise to the mix, offering an amazing selection of bean bags, pins and memorabilia unavailable anywhere else in the UK.

Alison said: "It will be a bit like 'not on the high street' - but on the high street".

"We particularly love the Star Wars weekend pins and merchandise. They were all released in very limited quantities and won't be available anywhere else, so shoppers really will have the chance to purchase a very unique gift," she added.

The Vinyl Frontier's Christmas event launches on Monday, November 23, and runs right up until 4pm on Christmas Eve. They have some great Christmas cards available, too!

And if you can't quite make it before Christmas, why not pop in on Boxing Day for some very special one-day only offers!

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Youngsters just love the Jungle Jacks Play Centre!



ABOVE: Jungle Jacks is a great 'play and party' centre for your children to celebrate a party, or let off some steam! It can even be hired on a 'private booking' basis.

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"We cater for birthday parties and private events, too. Jungle Jacks offers a wide

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"You can find details of all our parties on our website at junglejacksplay.co.uk where you can also book online."

"We also take private bookings for Sundays and evenings. Have you ever thought of hiring a play centre for your special event? You can have the whole place to yourselves for as long or as short as you like."

Jungle Jacks has a cafe offering a wide range of hot or cold refreshments which are

freshly prepared and made to order.

The spokeswoman emphasised: "Our meal deal offer is great value for money. This includes entry and any children's meal from the menu and a drink. Meal deals are available all day, every day."

"Join our Loyalty Scheme and every tenth visit is free. Double stamps on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays."

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ABOVE: Here are images of King Square at last year's Christmas event. This year it takes place on Saturday, November 28. There will be a market and entertainment, Father Christmas and the 'switch-on' at around 5pm.

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Trinity Street one-way scheme to be scrapped

A **CONTROVERSIAL** one-way traffic trial, centred around Barry's Trinity Street, will be scrapped after a consultation revealed substantial opposition and traffic surveys showed a large increase in cars on surrounding streets.

Nearly one hundred residents attended a meeting in Trinity Street Church Hall last Friday where Vale Council officers presented the findings of the consultation and said that the scheme would end 'before the end of the calendar year'.

Instead, traffic calming measures will be introduced on Trinity Street to prevent speeding and protect residents' cars.

Of 312 respondents to the consultation, which started on April 1 this year, more than 80 per cent opposed the trial, with less than 20 per cent in favour.

A quarter of respondents to the survey also expressed concern about safety issues and drivers ignoring the one-way system.

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson, who represents the centre of Barry to the east of Trinity Street, said: "It is always disappointing when a trial does not work, but that is the point of the trial."

"The consultation showed that the overwhelming majority of respondents were against the scheme, while traffic flows showed an unacceptable level of increased traffic going past local schools and parks."

"Many people also expressed safety concerns at drivers ignoring the one-way signs on the street."

"Quite simply, the effect of the trial, which impacts on large parts of the west of Barry, is out of proportion to the concerns raised about Trinity Street."

PUPILS GATHER AT LLANHARI WAR MEMORIAL



CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC

TABERNACL Music Society's next concert will be a feast of Christmas music and carols, some with audience participation.

The choir, led by Matthew Nash and accompanied by Glen Crooks is pleased to welcome the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band, conducted by Alan Bourne.

This evening takes place on Sunday, December 6 at 7pm in Tabernacl Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend. Tickets £10, students £5.

THESE pictures were taken at the local primary school Remembrance service at Llanhari war memorial on November 10, attended by the Mayoress Mrs Barbara Stevens, Rev Sue Rees and Mrs Emma Coates, headteacher Llanhari Primary School.

FUNDS RAISED AT COFFEE MORNING



VLE MP Alun Cairns joined a number of Cowbridge residents to support the Mayor's coffee morning event in aid of Motivation Learning Trust and Prostate Cymru, held at Cowbridge Town Hall.

Mr Cairns said: "Coun David Morris and the Mayoress, Lorraine Pionton-Bell organised a packed coffee morning and I praise their efforts in supporting two excellent charities. It was great to see such a fantastic turnout."

Bird's eye view of some familiar scenes at Probus Club's meeting

MEMBERS were welcomed by vice-president John Clarke, who spoke about the recent visit to Westonbirt Arboretum.

A party of 31 had enjoyed fine weather and the glorious autumn colours of the trees. He thanked treasurer Tony Meakins for his organisation of the annual dinner at St Athan Golf Club the previous Friday, when 43 members and wives enjoyed an excellent meal and a speech on how the House of Lords functions by Eluned Morgan, Baroness Morgan of Ely.

A vote of thanks on behalf of those present was given by Jeffrey Robinson.

This month's speaker was Christine Young who again needed no introduction, being a well respected member of the history society. Her talk was entitled 'Llantwit Major and District From the Air' and members

were treated to a delightful hour, with slides, showing the changes in the landscape over the years and the various housing and industrial developments.

These are all apparent to everyone at ground level, but the aerial shots gave a whole new perspective.

This will obviously change further once the proposed LDP sites come into being.

Hugh Thomas gave the vote of thanks and the speaker then drew the raffle, the winner being Gerald Harries.

Members then gave an impromptu chorus of 'Happy Birthday' in celebration of the speaker's birthday the following day.

Next month's meeting on Tuesday, December 8 will be the Christmas dinner, with a three course menu and pre-meal entertainment, with plenty of member participation organised by Eric Sparks.

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Community Web launched

A NEW community initiative – The Wick Community Web – was launched at the Wick Pensioners fayre on Saturday, November 14.

It was praised by the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, who said: "Wick Community Council is setting up a scheme which will give people who live in the village some telephone numbers to call and resources to draw on, should they suffer a sudden crisis or find themselves in difficulty."

"Thirty people have already signed up to the Wick Community Web – volunteering their time or resources to help their neighbours."

To offer your services, or support the scheme, email: wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com.

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Village is set to get superfast Broadband at last!



ST MARY Church near Cowbridge is to benefit from superfast broadband – following a campaign by local residents supported by Vale AM Jane Hutt.

The AM said that the residents were told two years ago that the village was included in the Superfast Cymru project, which aims to reach 95 per cent of properties in the contracted area in Wales by spring 2017, but the village proved to be more inaccessible than expected.

Last week, a packed meeting of residents heard that Superfast Cymru is now looking at alternative ways of bringing superfast internet speeds to the village by using new technology

recently trialled successfully in Welshpool.

The AM said she was delighted that Superfast Cymru and BT had been so open in looking for a solution.

"The Welsh Government is committed to seeing Wales become a truly digital nation and the Superfast Cymru programme is vital in making that vision a reality," she added.

Local resident David Lewis, who co-ordinated the village campaign and has now set up a small project team to work as a liaison committee with BT, said: "I was delighted that Jane gave us her support. I look forward to liaising with BT on behalf of the community."

Sydney Opera House – story of a unique world icon

THE Cowbridge U3A recently welcomed Professor Richard Weston, Chair of architecture at Cardiff University, who presented the illustrated story of Sydney Opera House so enthusiastically and knowledgeably that time just flew by for the audience.

The unique, logo-like quality of the opera house is etched into world consciousness and the impressive fireworks display at the iconic building now heralds in the New Year.

It was declared a World Heritage Site in 2007 and is situated on a narrow peninsula, once a tram station, in Sydney Harbour, which created numerous problems for architects.

submitted the winning design, which incorporated three separate buildings that appear to be one from some angles.

The edifice is not symmetrical, but has a pleasing appearance from all sides and even from above. The piazza in front of the opera house can accommodate a quarter of a million people.

Construction was technologically challenging; cables were inserted, under tension, as supports for the 'shells' (actually complex sections of a sphere) and it took three years to develop a suitable tile to clad the buildings with (a million were needed).

Following numerous disputes with the New South Wales Government, Utzon resigned or was dismissed (accounts vary) and did not attend the opera house's

opening ceremony – he was not invited. The architect did very little major work after the Sydney Opera House, but Professor Weston gave the audience details of a church in Copenhagen that he designed and also Utzon's own house in Majorca, where this very reclusive man spent hours sitting and staring at the sea, awaiting inspiration.

As well as the many thousands who attend events at the opera house, 200,000 visitors annually take the guided tour, a fitting tribute to Jørn Utzon, whose original design sketch was made on the dusty rear window of a car!

The Christmas meeting, with the Porthcawl Ukulele Band, is at 2pm on Wednesday, December 9 in Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors welcome (there is a small fee, which includes refreshments).

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Soup of the day (v)

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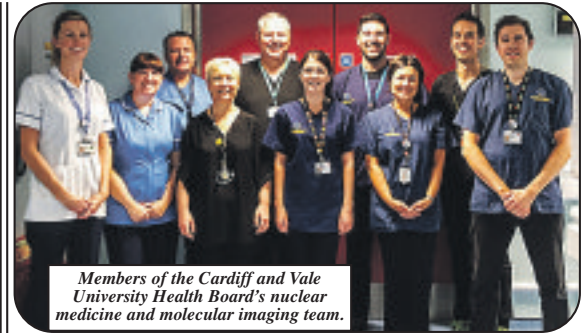
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The annual awards recognise the hard work and dedication of radiography teams across the country.

Chris O'Callaghan, Superintendent nuclear medicine radiographer at Cardiff and Vale UHB said: "We have

a robust team of AHPs allied health professionals who deliver an outstanding service.

"This unique mix of staff has given us a unique skill set, not previously available within traditional radiology departments. This has made a massive impact to the delivery of service for the patients."

The multidisciplinary team includes radiographers at University Hospital of Wales and University Hospital Llandough, and also staff from Medical Physics, PETIC and Velindre.

Exhibition highlights local artist's life work



Left to right: arts intern Josephine Sowden, Dr Ceri Thomas, arts development officer and gallery manager Tracey Harding, Mayor of the VOGC Coun Fred Johnson, artists Alan Salisbury, Anna Salisbury, Frances Woodley, Jane Salisbury.

A BARRY-based artist this week saw his life's work put on display – as part of an exhibition – A Retrospective by Alan Salisbury – at Art Central in Barry following a launch event on November 7.

The artist has been based in Barry for over 40 years and 100 people attended the opening of the exhibition which honours five decades of work in the visual arts.

After completing a foundation course at Manchester School of Art, he studied at Liverpool School of Art and the Royal College of Art in London, before taking up teaching posts at the Glamorgan College of Education and then the Polytechnic of Wales.

Coun Fred Johnson, Mayor of the Vale, opened the exhibition and artist Frances Woodley spoke warmly of the artist's modesty and great talent.

The exhibition is open until January 2 before touring to other venues in Wales. For more information, contact 01446 709496 or visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/arts

LITERARY EVENTS

LOCAL poet and therapist Fran Smith will be reading a selection of her work at Griffin Books on Thursday, November 26 as part of the Penarth shop's monthly late evening opening. Admission is free.

Welsh rugby legend JJ Williams will be discussing his new autobiography with commentator Eddie Butler at Penarth RFC, Lavernock Road on Tuesday, December 8. Tickets £6.

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WITH Christmas getting closer every day, traders and businesses in Llantwit Major are making their final preparations for the festive season.

For residents of the town, it is a chance to support local businesses and keep the high street alive, while for out-of-towners it is a chance to shop in a relaxed atmosphere, while reacquainting oneself with the area's many attractive features.

On that subject, it is worth putting the date of Saturday, November 28, in your diary, as that is when the Llantwit Major Events Committee puts on a day of family-friendly activities in the town, including a lantern parade, fairground rides and a visit from Santa!

With its combination of a modern town area, adjoining the olde-worlde narrow streets that all seem to lead to St Illtud's Church, you can be in a peaceful spot in no time at all.

Looking more closely at Christmas, one thing that is at the top of many people's lists is toys, and Llantwit is lucky to have its own fully-fledged toy shop, the **Plaza Toymaster**.

The shop recently won an award for its range of pre-school toys, but it carries a full range for all ages. Matthew Hunt of Filco, who own the store, told The GEM: "This year, Star Wars toys are expected to be really big, and that has been reflected in our Christmas stock."

"Also, it's not too late to join our Christmas Club, and one service we do offer is to put your presents away until close to Christmas, so you don't have to worry about hiding them in the home."

"This year, on Sunday, December 13, we will be having a visit from Santa and his Reindeer, from 11am to 3pm, to help build up the Christmas excitement."

At **Health Conscious**, owner Nicky Foster has a number of Christmas lines that can solve your present problems.

She said: "At this time of year, we can make up personalised baskets of healthy products that can make a perfect gift."

"We also have a range of coffee cups made out of organic bamboo. They are beautiful to look at, and ethically-traded, too."

"Another ideal gift would be one of our 'teardrop' oil burners, which are ideal for aromatherapy oils."

At **Sloan & Co**, owner Stuart Sloan says that men tearing their hair out over what gift to buy the woman in their life can be reassured, because his staff know exactly what is on trend at the moment.

He told The GEM: "The trends are really strong at the moment, particularly for the younger sector."

"Big checks and tartans are in, and also tops with tassels. Another popular material for a top is faux fur, especially the 'furry eyelash' texture."

"Last year was very good for us, with items such as bags, purses and scarves being given as gifts. We stock LYDC products (London Young Designer Collective) and we expect them to do well again."

"Finally, silver 'statement' jewellery is in at the moment, and we can offer a wide range."

If it's time to take a break, then the **Net Cafe** is a great place to drop in. It's under new management after Sian Jones took over 11 weeks ago.

She said: "With Christmas in mind, we are going to be doing a brie and cranberry toastie, on top of our usual range."

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Llantwit Major at Christmas

TRADERS HAVE PLENTY TO OFFER

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Sian added: "We have had a great reaction to our hot chocolate. A number of customers have said it's the best in town!"

"If people are thinking of an afternoon tea and cake, then they should try our gluten-free citrus cake, which is very popular, or perhaps our millionaire's shortbread."

It's good to find that Llantwit Major can still boast a proper book store, and John Woods and his team at Nickleby's love the challenge of unearthing an out-of-print book for customers.

He said: "We have our regular Christmas lines, and local history is very popular. On the best seller front, no one book has dominated the market."

However, the shop specialises in book mainstream books. John

and his team, Kath, Cheryl, Bobsie and Ffion have 80 years' experience in the book industry between them, and pride themselves on their motto 'Anything from anywhere in the world'.

If you have been told that a title is out of print, Nickleby's could still offer you hope. John added that this philosophy also applied to CDs and DVDs, and his team's expertise applied equally to that field!

Don't forget that the town is surrounded by some of the Vale's most attractive features. St Donat's Castle, for instance, is an attractive place to visit at any time, but on Sunday, December 6, the Arts Centre there will be holding its annual 'Crafts for Christmas'.

This event includes inside and outside craft and food stalls in both St Donat's Castle and the Arts Centre, along with musical entertainment throughout the day and a craft workshop for children. A spokeswoman for the Arts Centre said: "This year we have a record number of exhibitors, 55 in total and a bird of prey display on the castle lawns."

The excellent

theatre/music venue at the centre is putting on a range of events, and one high-profile evening will be on Friday, November 27, when food writer and TV personality Jay Rayner will be on stage for his one-man show.

Lots of people want to shop ethically, and one long-established business in Llantwit Major where you can be sure you purchases go to a good cause is the New Hope charity shop.

This has been run by Gordon Taylor for many years now, and it operates in Nicaragua, supporting projects that help improve the quality of life for very poor people.

Gordon told The GEM: "The problems of central American countries tend to get forgotten these days, but there is still a huge need for relief work."

"We are lucky that the community in Llantwit has been so supportive. We have a regular flow of goods to put on sale in the shop, which makes us well worth a visit."

Of course, not every business in a busy town will experience a Christmas rush, but it is nevertheless a chance for traders to reflect on doing business in

Llantwit.

Kim Sellick is the practice manager at Therapy Works, where Hywel Griffiths has overseen operations for 19 years.

Apart from his work in Llantwit, Hywel is well known in the sporting world globally, working with a number of international level athletes.

Two other physios are on hand at the centre, Adam Brown and Caroline Sels.

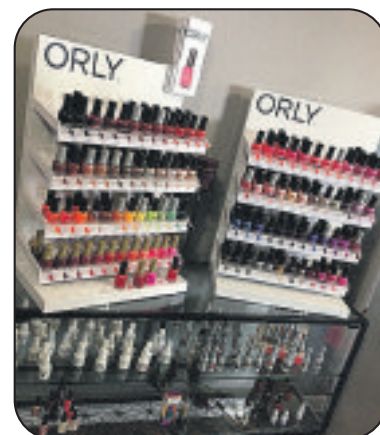
Kim said that the festive holiday period offered a good chance for people to review their overall physical condition, and start the New Year with a resolve to sort out any problems and twinges.

She said: "There is no need to live with back pain or any muscle or joint problem. A consultation can make a significant difference."

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ABOVE and BELOW: Sunkissed salon offers a wide range of treatments.



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Just some of the fashion items in
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Llantwit Major at Christmas



A warm welcome awaits at Health Conscious.

Hi-tech scanner pinpoints problem

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Kim added that the practice had invested in a hi-tech 'dynamic foot scanner', which could help people deal with any walking or running pain, by identifying the problem exactly.

Another local business owner expecting to be busy over Christmas,

is Andrew Brown of Andy Cars. The festive season means that there are various calls on his company's services, and he has 14 years' experience of operating in Llantwit.

He said: "I would like to wish all our customers the very best over the Christmas period."

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Llantwit toy store wins top award!



ABOVE: Matthew Hunt (centre) receives the
award at the Dorchester Hotel ceremony.

PLAZA Toymaster in Llantwit Major has received the seal of approval from the preschool industry, by winning the 'best independent toy store' category in this year's prestigious awards.

The winners of the 2015 Progressive Preschool Awards were announced at a high-profile event in The Dorchester Hotel, in Mayfair, London.

Hosted by the comedian Sean Collins, the awards were attended by over 400 suppliers and retailers who came together to celebrate the entire preschool industry.

The Progressive Preschool Awards 2015 celebrate the very best in product and retailing right across the preschool world.

Now in its second year, the awards aim to reflect the passion, dynamism and creativity found throughout the industry.

All retail entries were nominated by suppliers, distributors, wholesalers and agents before being validated by a panel of industry experts. The winners are recognised for their innovative approach and retail achievements over the last year.

Matthew Hunt of Filco, who own the Plaza Toymaster, said: "We are thoroughly delighted to have won this award and look forward to sharing our success with our staff team and customers."

"We will be welcoming Santa and his reindeer to our store in the build-up to Christmas, continuing our commitment to the community."

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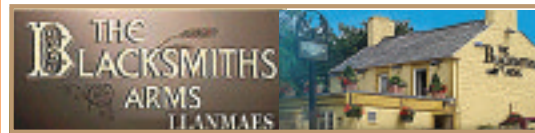
Llantwit Major at Christmas



ABOVE: St Donat's Castle, just along the coast from Llantwit Major, has a thriving arts centre, and is also busy as a music and theatre venue. On December 6, the castle grounds will be open for a special 'Crafts for Christmas' fair, with a host of extra attractions. (See advert on page 31).

The castle has, in recent years, become a popular location for film and TV historical dramas. Most recently, the BBC drama *Wolf Hall*, starring Mark Rylance, filmed at St Donat's Castle.

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Another business that has done well from basing itself in Llantwit Major is **Sunkissed Beauty and Tanning**, which celebrated its 10th birthday in the town earlier this year.

Vicki Wiggins runs Sunkissed and told The GEM: "The people of Llantwit have been wonderful to us. They have supported us from the very start."

As her way of thanking her customers for that support, Vicki is

holding a Christmas party evening on Thursday, December 3 (6.30pm - 9.30pm).

Customers who go along for the night will be able to try out complimentary treatments, while relaxing with Champagne and nibbles.

With Christmas in mind, Vicki is offering lots of special offers.

One of these offers, in particular, could take away some of the stress of Christmas shopping.

Buy an £80 voucher form Sunkissed and you will receive, free of charge, a back, neck and

shoulder massage which normally costs £26!

So, Sunkissed's massage brings us back to the subject of cutting the stress from the festive shopping rush – and from this point of view Llantwit Major ticks all the boxes.

The town has free parking, and it's compact, so you don't have to walk long distances.

There is a regular train link along the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Line from Barry or Bridgend.

You also have the 'good conscience' bonus

of supporting local businesses and helping to keep a town centre thriving.

Add to that the coffee shops, pubs and restaurants and it means you can get home at the end of the day after your shopping in a better mood than when you get caught up in the big city frenzy.

There are plenty of reasons to visit Llantwit – the charms of the old town and its proximity to the Heritage Coast are just two.

However, one thing I always suggest to friends is a visit to the **Galilee Chapel** at St Illtud's Church.

The church has always been a little haven – in the peace and quiet sense as well as the religious.

It isn't prominent on the skyline as many churches are. It nestles in a dell, shielded from the wind, and has almost its own micro climate.

However, the recent restoration of the Galilee Chapel provides a wonderful place to stop and think.

The chapel is now home to Celtic Crosses that were in St Illtud's Church all along, but now they are on display in a beautiful setting.

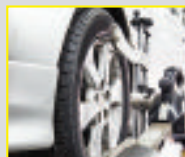
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Regional AM queries parking fines at rail station in Maesteg

A regional AM, Suzy Davies, says she has made "urgent contact" with Network Rail over the future of the car park at Maesteg railway station.

She had been alerted by constituents that Asda has introduced £70 fines for people staying longer than two hours in its supermarket car park, which adjoins the railway station.

Those using what was previously the park and ride car park, which leads off the store car park, are also facing the fines unless they first register their car with the store when they travel.

Welsh Conservative Mrs Davies, said: "Asda can control their own car park, of course. However, it is not clear to my constituents about whether there have been any changes to the status of the additional car park that was provided on land owned by British Rail in order to serve the railway station.

Asda has erected signs stating that the whole of the car park, including the section by the station, is their land.

"I have contacted Asda and Network Rail to find out whether there have been any recent changes of ownership or other agreements as to use.

"Unless there is a dedicated station car park, people attempting to use the trains will

be penalised. I understand that rail passengers wishing to park their cars at the station will first of all have to go into the store to register their car number and then, when they return, take their rail ticket into the store so that the penalty notice can be cancelled.

"That's okay, assuming people have time to do this but someone rushing to get the train could end up being fined £70 simply because they did not have time to go into the store and register.

"This system is no substitute for having a dedicated rail car park at this site and I am pressing Network Rail to investigate if Asda owns this land and if so, how this happened.

"This station was built in 1992, when it was decided to re-open the line to passenger rail services, which had ceased in 1970.

A new station was needed and this was jointly provided by the former Mid Glamorgan County Council and the railway.

"It is my understanding that the station and the additional car park were built on part of the old goods yard, which was owned by the railway. Access to both is through Asda's car park.

"There have been no problems with this arrangement until a few weeks ago. I have asked Network Rail how they intend to

deal with this situation. Public money from Mid Glamorgan County Council was used to build the station and car park and we need to know what's happened to this land.

"I have also approached Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) as they are the successor council to Mid Glamorgan. They are also investigating."

Assembly Conservative candidate Jamie Wallis said that he was concerned about the impact on commuters and others in Maesteg.

He said: "These days, having a park and ride facility is crucial. The only place motorists can park their cars in order to commute is at the town centre station.

"Network Rail needs to sit down with Asda and come to a sensible arrangement which would provide some dedicated parking for commuters while still allowing the store to ensure that its free car park is not being abused."

A spokesman for Smart Parking, who operate the car park, said that the land was owned by Asda, and that the terms and conditions were on signage in the car park.

He indicated that a response would be sent but, unfortunately, it had not arrived by the time The GEM went to press.

WENVOE GIFT MARKS WI CENTENARY YEAR



Members of Wenvoe WI, with Rev Jon Ormrod.

DURING this century year of the Woman's Institute, the ladies of the Wenvoe branch wanted to mark the occasion with a special donation to the village.

Although a relatively small group with only 17 members, they set their sights high and decided to donate a bench to be placed in the grounds of their

local church, St Mary's.

To achieve their goal, they held various fundraising events and were successful in their venture. The bench was duly purchased and received by Rev Jon Ormrod of St Mary's, who blessed the bench in a small ceremony held at the site of the bench, with most of the members of the Wenvoe WI present.

The bench is well sited opposite the main entrance to

the church and has already proved popular among the congregation. Following the short ceremony, the ladies adjourned to a local garden centre for tea and cakes in the small café.

The group would like to thank the village environmental team who prepared the platform for the bench and secured it in its location.

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GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

'Lights still on in Llantwit!'

IT has been widely recognised that councils across Wales, have to make cuts due to restrictions placed on them by the Tory Government in London.

The Vale Council has made much play of the need for savings and has imposed, or is imposing, various cuts and charges on services in the Vale, including Barry.

The council is looking to start charging

motorists to park their vehicles in several car parks in Barry and has also now decided that we have to have our street lighting turned off between the hours of midnight and 6am...

However, for some strange reason the lights in Llantwit Major have not been turned off.

So do we assume they have no car parks or street lighting in Llantwit Major?

We need an explanation. **D J Radford, Barry.**

Where is the logic?

WHERE is the logic? The Vale Council are going to charge us £2 per roll for the dissolvable green liner food recycling bags that we are all supposed to use, in keeping with the council's policy on recycling.

What will be the result? People will not pay, or be bothered to continue the scheme, and will put their food scraps into black bags -

for seagulls and other animals - foxes in Penmark - to spread the waste around the streets.

Would someone in the environmental department advise when this idiotic measure was brought in, and how we are now to dispose of the food waste?

Incidentally, the green bags are now available either from the civic centre or the library in Barry. **David Mitchell, Penmark.**

Cycle path road show!

INOTE that the seemingly unstoppable Vale Council cycle-path road show has rolled on to a new location - the causeway road to Barry Island.

One wonders how cyclists have managed to traverse this stretch of road for the past 120 years! Meanwhile, cyclists and drivers of motorised vehicles alike face ever-increasing risks caused by the continued deterioration of the area's road infrastructure.

Phil Dawson, Barry.

Medical centre to 'open in spring' at Dinas Powys



ABOVE: The new Dinas Powys medical centre plans are unveiled.

DINAS POWYS

Community Council has been told that the new medical centre in Dinas Powys is due to open in the spring by Dr Sue Thomas, senior partner at the group practice.

This was reported during a presentation to the council requested by the chairman, Coun Keith Hatton. The medical centre is likely to be one of the last supported financially directly by the Welsh Government. Further delays would have placed at risk such funding.

She reported that the group practice had looked at over 50 sites in Dinas Powys and only the Murch Road site was available and suitable. Although transport was a concern, councillors heard that 95 per cent of patients currently

Questions were asked from the floor about services, including podiatry. It was confirmed that the health board was withdrawing this service from Dinas Powys. Councillors were concerned about this and, indeed, the lack of support from the health board for additional services.

However, they understood that podiatry and extra services were not part of the GP role and the responsible body was the health board.

Coun Chris Franks suggested that the community council should take their concerns to the health board: "It is wrong that the health board does not seem to be taking the opportunity to provide more services within Dinas Powys. It is a cheaper option than treatment at the Heath, with the huge on-costs involved.

Coun John Fashaw said it was good that there was space at the centre for the potential expansion of service in the future if the health board was willing to transport by car to the

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Books launched in Porthcawl

HAPPENSTANCE Press's editor-in-chief, Helena Nelson, will attend the launch of her two latest publications at the office of a Porthcawl charity.

Unleaving by Kristian Evans of Kenfig, and *Pattern Beyond Chance* by Stephen Payne, are featured from 8pm, in the Green Room, Sustainable Wales, 5, James St, Porthcawl CF36 3BG.

For the charity, Robert Minihinnick said: "All Welsh literature lovers should welcome

the first publication by Kenfig's Kristian Evans. "Here is a new toughly lyrical voice in Wales, aware of the past, but sounding a warning about our uncertain future.

"Kristian Evans uses his knowledge of Welsh and French literatures to create vivid poetry."

Helena Nelson will speak about both publications, and the two writers will give readings.

These will be followed by questions and an open mic. For more information telephone 01656 773627/783962.



HOLY TRINITY WINDOW IS RESTORED TO FORMER GLORY

TIME had taken its toll on one of the medieval windows in the chancel of Holy Trinity Church, Llandow, and restoration was required.

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We in this small

village are very proud of our parish church, which is one of the oldest and smallest in the Vale, and we have to work hard to keep on top of all the work required to keep the ancient building and its contents in a good state of repair and open for public worship.

Not only have we had to repair the stone mullion and stained glass of one of the windows, but we have also had to work out how to replace the organ so necessary to accompany our singing.

Various fundraising events were organised and we now have a restored window and a new (to us) organ which was played to accompany our annual 'Hymns and Pimms' evening earlier this year.

MIKE JONES

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IT was truly a unique occasion as Lord Lisvane addressed members of the south Wales branch of the English Speaking Union and revealed, as former Clerk to the House of Commons, he had been chief executive of the House's services, comprising some 2,000 staff and with legal ownership of all buildings and property, including Big Ben!

Lord Lisvane took his title from the area of Cardiff where he was born and delivered an informative, engaging and enthralling talk, which included parliamentary history, procedures and precedents, and delightful

anecdotes.

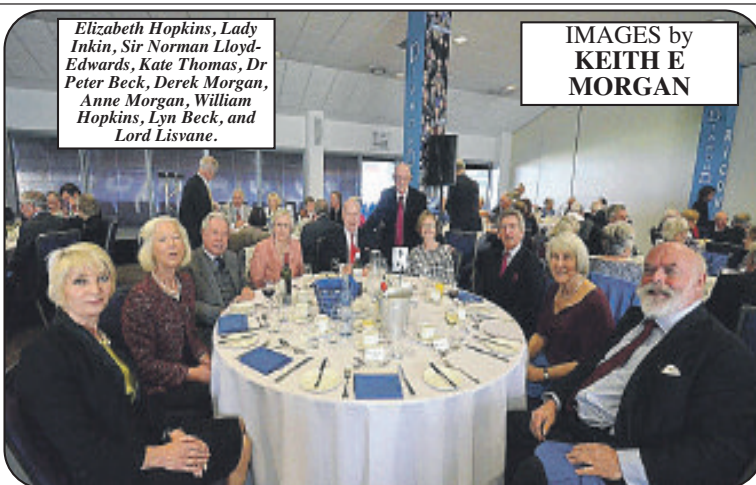
Lord Lisvane also expressed his delight at meeting students from Howell's school, who were studying government and politics and who, no doubt, were impressed to learn that the first Clerk was Robert de Melton, appointed 'Under-clerk of the Parliaments to wait upon the Commons' in 1363 with a salary of £5 a year... for life.

The next branch event, the traditional Christmas carols and supper at Howell's school is fully booked. On February 25 Jonathan Fenby CBE will speak on 'Inside China: the Rising Superpower' at the Cardiff City Stadium. Details from Derek Morgan on 01656 669129; email esuswb@googlemail.com.



Lord Lisvane, with Anne and Derek Morgan.

Elizabeth Hopkins, Lady Inkin, Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, Kate Thomas, Dr Peter Beck, Derek Morgan, Anne Morgan, William Hopkins, Lyn Beck, and Lord Lisvane.



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Job seekers on construction course

WANNABE construction workers of both sexes were recently given a boost on a free course organised by Newydd Housing Association and Barry Communities First with sponsorship from Jehu Project Services.

Participants were referred from the Job Centre and 12 have passed the accredited construction skills certification scheme



course providing them with a CSCS card, essential for employment in the industry. More are taking the final exam in the coming weeks. Michelle Connell, the only woman to

participate in the course, said: "I heard about the course through a friend. I'm unemployed but have six children and I just want to be able to do something for them and look after my kids."

Michelle has now passed the course and is working with Newydd staff on writing her CV and applying for a job, along with the other participants who have passed.



Lord Lisvane with students from Howell's School.

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NEWS FROM SANT BARUC'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK

Wythnos Rhyngwladol Ysgol Sant Baruc



Year-1 - Ireland.



Year-3 - France.



Reception class trio.



Year-4 - Japan.

Year-2
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TO coincide with the Rugby World Cup, pupils at Ysgol Sant Baruc recently held an International Week, which proved very successful.

During the week, each class studied a country that was involved in the tournament and dressed in various costumes or rugby kit, to represent a particular country.

The pupils learned many facts about their chosen countries: they studied music and art and even tasted different foods. The highlight of the week was listening to Cai Beasley, a pupil in year-6 as he spoke live on Radio Cymru.

Cai has been a regular feature on the radio station since the beginning of the World Cup, as he has represented Australia throughout the tournament.

The pupils in the nursery and reception looked fantastic, dressed in Welsh costume and as dragons, while having the opportunity to learn about their own country - Wales. The children enjoyed tasting cawl and Welsh cakes and performed many traditional Welsh songs on stage to the whole school - *bendigedig!*

Year-1 pupils studied Ireland: they learnt how to say hello in Gaelic; they studied maps to locate Ireland, listened to traditional stories, tasted soda bread and performed River Dance to the rest of the school.

Year-2 studied South Africa, where they have also tasted foods from this particular country, they have created masks and a huge flag to display in the school hall.

They also discovered how to say hello in different languages and learnt many interesting facts which they later presented to the rest of the school.

Year-3 studied France, while year-4 studied New Zealand. Again, the pupils studied art from these two countries and learnt to speak simple phrases.

Year-4 later performed the Haka to the school - they were excellent!

Years-5 and 6 studied Japan and Australia:

here, the pupils researched both countries to find many different interesting facts.

Year-6 had a barbecue, creating their own burgers, and made boomerangs out of clay.

Year-5 studied the weather in Tokyo and compared the temperatures each month with Cardiff.

The week was enjoyed by every pupil, with the highlight of the week being that every pupil and member of staff dressed to represent their country.

There were many rugby players present, along with leprechauns, Maori warriors, Australian surfers and a kangaroo!

Year-6 also lead sessions to develop rugby skills for all pupils and each class enjoyed sharing their knowledge and experiences from the week.

Clwb Garddio Sant Baruc

The gardening club at Ysgol Sant Baruc has been very busy tidying the garden and planting plants and bulbs. We look forward to seeing the

results of all their hard work in the spring.

Bu'r clwb garddio yn Ysgol Sant Baruc yn brysur iawn yn taeluso'r ardd ac yn plannu planhigion a bylbiau yn barod i'r gwanwyn.

Diolchga rwyd! Harvest

For their annual Harvest collection, Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc chose to support the Vale Foodbank.

Pupils and parents generously donated foods to help the charity and the support this year was incredible.

Year-3 held the Harvest assembly this year and the class proudly presented the local Foodbank with the donations.

Dewisodd Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc gefnogi Banc Bwyd y Fro ar gyfer eu casgliad diolchgarwch eleni.

Fe wnaeth disgyblion a rhieni'r ysgol gyfrannu bwydydd i'r elusen ac roedd y gefnogaeth yn anhygoel.

Blwyddyn 3 oedd yn cynnal y wasanaeth diolchgarwch eleni ac fe gyflwynodd y dosbarth y bwydydd yn falch i'r Banc Bwyd.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/01036/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Change of use of disused care facility building to provide five apartments with four new townhouses on the rear car park of the property
Location:/Lleoliad: Gardenhurst Resource Centre, Holmesdale Place, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth
Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/01273/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Erection of two storey extension and demolition of external wc and detached garage
Location:/Lleoliad: Archway Cottage, 24, High Street, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth: Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00815/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Replacement of front door to Grade II listed building
Location:/Lleoliad: 1, Pwll y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II
Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/01199/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Internal and external alterations to retail unit
Location:/Lleoliad: 56, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II
Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/01275/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Amendment to previous consent (2012/00898/LBC)
Location:/Lleoliad: The Pheasant House, Nash Manor, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/01201/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of new 1-3 storey detached residential dwelling house with integral double garage, roof terraces and associated amenity space. Partial demolition of existing stone boundary wall to create 2 new driveway access points from highway
Location:/Lleoliad: Dimlands Road, St Donats
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Cartref, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00425/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Change of use to a non hazardous waste transfer station
Location:/Lleoliad: Unit 12F, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry
Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/01032/RES
Proposal/Cynnig: Approval is sought for the layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping of Phase 2
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Barry Waterfront, Phase 2, Barry
Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/01224/RES
Proposal/Cynnig: Development of site known as South Quay (Parkside) for residential development and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing and landscape
Location:/Lleoliad: Site known as South Quay (Parkside), Barry Waterfront, Barry
Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/01228/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Demolition of existing buildings and

residential redevelopment of land to deliver 15 affordable homes together with associated car parking, landscaping, drainage infrastructure and other ancillary development
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Former Bus Depot Site, Chapel Terrace, Twyn Yr Odyn, Wenvoe

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

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Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyo o'r Cynllun Datblygu

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Application(s) with Environmental Statement/ Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 Proposed development at Land at Barry Waterfront, Phase 2, Barry.

I give notice that Persimmon Homes (East Wales) is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Approval is sought for the layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping of Phase 2.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from Persimmon Homes (East Wales), Llantrisant Business Park, Llantrisant, Pontyclun CF72 8YP so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 10 December, 2015.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 10 December 2015 quoting reference 2015/01032/RES.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 Proposed development at Site known as South Quay (Parkside), Barry Waterfront, Barry.

I give notice that BDW Trading Ltd is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Development of site known as South Quay (Parkside) for residential development and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing and landscape.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from Nathaniel Lichfield and

Partners, Helmont House, Churchill Way, Cardiff. CF10 2HE so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
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at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 10 December, 2015.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 10 December 2015 quoting reference 2015/01224/RES.

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8 Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Land at Barry Waterfront, Phase 2, Barry

Hysbysir trwy hyn Persimmon Homes (East Wales) n gwneud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyfeirnod Approval is sought for the layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping of Phase 2

Cafodd y cynnig ei gyflwyno gyda datganiad amgylcheddol sydd ar gael i'w ddarllen yn y cyfeiriad isod. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from Persimmon Homes (East Wales), Llantrisant Business Park, Llantrisant, Pontyclun CF72 8YP so long as stocks last.

Caiff aelodau o'r cyhoedd hefyd ddarllen copïau o'r:

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Dylai unrhyw un sydd am wneud sylwadau ar y cais ysgrifennu at Bennaeth Cynllunio a Chludiant y cyngor (gwelwch y dudalen ar waelod y dudalen) erbyn 10 December 2015 an ddyfynnu'r cyfeirnod 2015/01032/RES.

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8 Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Site known as South Quay (Parkside), Barry Waterfront, Barry

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Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig 19 November, 2015

V, L. Robinson
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office,
Barry. CF63 4RT

World War One memorial unveiled at school

ROLL OF HONOUR CEREMONY AT ST CYRES



PHOTOGRAPHS by
REBECCA WELLS



ON Wednesday, November 11, a moving ceremony took place at St Cyres School in Penarth, when a new First World War memorial was unveiled and dedicated, to replace the one belonging to the National School in Penarth, which was lost when that school was closed.

The project to replace the lost memorial was the vision of the headteacher, Dr Jonathan Hicks, who had long-held the ambition to ensure that his current pupils were able to learn of the fate of some of their forefathers.

"The original memorial was unveiled in July 1920 by the headteacher of the National School and I was honoured to be able to follow in that

headteacher's footsteps. "Moving into our brand-new school building, it seemed the right time to create a new memorial to those men who gave their lives a century ago," said Dr Hicks.

"It will also serve to remind our current and future pupils of the sacrifices made by earlier generations. Through extensive research my wife Wendy and I were also able to correct two errors on the original memorial."

The ceremony began with a guard of honour by two living historians, Robin Mellor and Chris Coode, dressed in authentic First World War uniforms. Dr Hicks then paid tribute to the fallen before 20 pupils of St Cyres School, whose surnames are similar to those listed on the memorial, read out each of the names.

Music teacher Richard Hopkin played 'The Last Post' and a silence was

held. Prayers were led by Jason Erickson.

Following the ceremony, the pupils and staff were treated to a talk on the lives of men and women during The Great War by the two living historians.

Amongst the names on the memorial are:

Herbert Albert Barrett, who served with the 45th Battalion of the Machine Gun Corps as a machine gunner. He was killed on August 23, 1917 and is buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery. He saw action at the Battles for Pilkem Ridge and Langemark during The Third Battle of Ypres - Passchendaele.

Thomas Norvell Bartlett served with the 113th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery as Battery Sergeant Major. He was killed in action on August 30, 1916, aged 36, and is buried in Peronne Road Cemetery in France. He had lived at 16 Plassey Street, Penarth and

before enlisting was employed as a coal tipper at Penarth Docks.

Edward William Davis of 9 Plassey Street in Penarth served with the 8th Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment. He was killed in action on February 15, 1916, aged just 20. He was in camp near Ypres when it received a direct hit from a German eight-inch artillery shell.

Twelve men, including Edward, were killed, plus two medical officers who were tending men in a dressing station. His body was never found and he is commemorated as one of the missing on the famous Menin Gate in Ypres.

Donald Alexander Heslop had been a chartered accountant before the Great War. He joined the 10th Royal Fusiliers but was killed on May 4, 1916. He is buried in Berles-au-Bois Churchyard in France.

Rees John was the son of William and Ann John



of Penarth. He was 34 years old when he died of wounds on September 28, 1918 while serving with the Welsh Guards.

He fought at Loos in 1915, the Somme in 1916 and at Passchendaele in 1917. In September 1918 they were charged with breaking through the formidable German defences of the Hindenburg Line. It was during this fighting that Rees was wounded and evacuated to a casualty clearing station where unfortunately he died. He is buried in Grevillers British Cemetery in France.

William Melbourne Lee was a second lieutenant serving with the Royal Field Artillery. He was killed in action on March 21, 1918 while serving with 298th Brigade. William had enlisted as a private soldier early in the war and rose from the ranks to become an officer on August 4, 1917. His body was never found and he is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial to the Missing.

George Victor Morgan lived at 8 Grove Place in Penarth. He enlisted with the Welsh Regiment before being transferred to the 1/4th Battalion of the South Lancashire Regiment. George was killed in action on August 23, 1916 during the Battle of the Somme, aged 19. His grave was lost and he is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing.

Harry Douglas White served as an ordinary seaman on the SS Boscastle. He and 16 other members of the crew were killed as the result of an attack by an enemy submarine on April 7, 1918.

He was just 17 and is commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial in London.

Frederick Lewis Whittington served with the 8th Battalion East Surrey Regiment. He was killed in action on October 12, 1917, aged 26. He and his wife had lived at 6, Machen Street in Penarth.

His grave could not be found after the war ended and he is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium.

and was killed in action on July 23, 1918, aged 31. He is remembered on the Soissons Memorial.

Frederick George Smith served as a private with the 12th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He was killed in action in Salonika on September 19, 1918, aged 28, and is buried in Doiran Military Cemetery.

Arthur John Thomas was a private serving with the 8th Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment.

The son of John and Rose Thomas of 80 Plassey Street, he died of wounds on April 26, 1917, aged 22, during the Battle of Arras and is buried in Aubigny Communal Cemetery in France.

Edward Charles Whitley was a lance corporal with the 18th Battalion of the Welsh Regiment. He was killed in action on November 24, 1917 during the fighting for Bourlon Wood as part of the Battle of Cambrai. He is buried in Anneux Cemetery in France.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 2A) ORDER 2015

1. On the 16th November 2015 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 23rd November 2015 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 2A) Order 2015"

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 23rd November 2015 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Insert Map of the Following Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places

Jenkin Street, Barry (16) (AS53)

On its north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 14 and 16 in a south westerly direction for 5.5 metres.

Jenner Road, Barry (67) (AW50)

On its south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 65 and 67 in a south westerly direction for 6.6 metres.

Dated this 19th Day of November 2015.

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIO) (RHIF 2A) (GWAHARDD MANNAU AROS, LLWYTHO A PHARCIO A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)

1. Ar 16 Tachwedd 2015, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adranannau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53, a 124 a Rhan IV o Adodlen 9 Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a phob pŵer galluogi arall, wedi gwneud Gorchymyn y mae ei effaith gyffredinol wedi'i disgrifio isod:

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 23 Tachwedd 2015 neu bryd bynnag y bydd yr holl arwyddion a marciau ffordd yn barod. Fe'i hadwaenir fel 'Gorchymyn (Gorfolodi Sifil) (Diwygio) (Rhif 2A) (Gwahardd Mannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2015'.

3. Cewch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a'r cynllun sy'n dangos y manau dan sylw, yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau arferol swyddfa.

4. Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilyswydd y Gorchymyn neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod bŵer i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yn methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod neu un o'i hofferynnau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 23 Tachwedd 2015 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

Bydd y Gorchymyn Rheoli Traffig canlynol yn cael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn (Gorfolodi Sifil) (Gwahardd Mannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2013.

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Cynhywyser Map o'r manau parcio canlynol a gynigiwyd ar gyfer pobl anabl

Jenkin Street, Y Barri (16) (AS53)

Ar ei hochr ogledd-orllewinol o'r llinell derfyn rhwng tai rhifau 14 ac 16 am 5.5 metr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin.

Jenner Road, Y Barri (67) (AW50)

Ar ei hochr dde-ddwyreiniol o'r llinell derfyn rhwng tai rhifau 65 a 67 am 6.6 metr i gyfeiriad y de orllewin.

Dyddiedig 19 Tachwedd 2015.

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Canolfan yr Alpau,
Gwenfô CF5 6AA



EweMove sales and lettings scoop three top awards

EWEMOVE has been awarded Gold for Innovator of the Year, Silver for Best New Agency and Bronze for Best Franchise Network at The Negotiator Awards 2015.

After an incredible year with many new branches launching across the UK, rapidly growing sales and lettings agent EweMove, which has been a popular addition to the Vale of Glamorgan property market since it was set up, is delighted with these wins that add to their growing collection of awards.

From over 360 entries – the most in its history – The Negotiator Award-winner for 2015 was revealed at a glamorous gala dinner in the London Hilton, Park Lane on November 3.

The result was announced in front of 730 estate agents and industry specialists and was hosted by Alistair McGowan, impressionist, comedian and actor.

The Property Party of the Year went on into the small hours and was enjoyed by all.

Director of EweMove Vale of Glamorgan, Karen Treweek said: "We are absolutely thrilled to win the awards! We're always looking for ways to improve the service we provide and we are really proud that the judges recognised our pioneering approach and have rewarded us with a prestigious Gold award for Innovation, Silver for Best New Agency and Bronze for Best Franchise Network."

"Winning is a huge pat on the

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UNDER-STRENGTH BARRY SECONDS ARE DEFEATED

BARRY Second XV travelled to a rain-soaked capital to face St Joseph's as they continued their league campaign.

Manager Ken Chow and coaches Rhidian Scott and Martin Tanner were once again faced with a long list of players unavailable, injured, or otherwise engaged as has been the case for most of the season.

Their cause was not helped by players failing to turn up for the match and players arriving late on the day.

The poor preparations were evident as St Josephs scored from the kick off after a handling error by the visitors.

Things did not improve as the half wore on, as Barry battled against their well-drilled opponents and the elements.

With the rain battering

down on the green-and-whites, they were unable to stem the tide and the home side was out of sight by half-time.

Chances for the visitors to score were few and far between in the first interval, although Matt Russell did miss a shot at goal and Nick Rolfe had a try ruled out for double movement.

At half-time the coaching team offered words of encouragement, but things looked from bad to worse as both John Miles and Mitchell Scott hobbled off with injuries.

That, somehow, seemed to galvanise the struggling visitors as makeshift flanker Jordan Clarke joined man-of-the-match Callum Scott in disrupting the St Josephs attack in the second interval.

The home side had the lion's share of possession but found the Barry defence unrelenting.

A tremendous number of tackles were made in the 40 minutes, most of it in Barry's own 22, but still the door was shut.

With the home side increasingly frustrated and their attempt by their back row to influence refereeing decisions failing, Barry sensed a chance to break out and pieced together a period of possession.

When Clarke, Scott and Peake made good yards into the St Joseph's half, the ball was recycled quickly by scrum-half Rhidian Mepham.

The ball was passed down the line, with Chris Bailey making good ground before offloading to Tom Adams, who sprinted through in the corner to score. Russell was unable to add the extras.

While the 37-5 final score was a fair reflection of the home

side's dominance over 80 minutes, the players who donned the Barry shirt should be proud of their efforts in atrocious conditions.

One must wonder what this group of players can achieve if players take more responsibility in their availability and punctuality in training and match day.

The second XV will

host Llanishen this weekend whilst the third XV travel to Old Illydians.

Team: Evans; Adams, Clarke, Peake, Bailey; Russell, Mepham; Fort, Turnbull, Hall; Rolfe, M Scott; Lee Jones ©, Miles, C Scott. Replacements: Leighton Jones, Westall, Leech. Man-of-the-match: C Scott. KC

Youth award scheme relaunched

THE High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan's youth community award scheme was re-launched at an event in the Olive Tree restaurant, Pyle Garden Centre, hosted by the current High Sheriff Jayne James.

She explained that new sponsors coupled with fundraising efforts had resulted in the first prize being increased to £1,000. Among those present was former High Sheriff Anne Morgan, who founded the scheme originally, and thanked the sponsors.

Jayne James explained: "Any young person or group between the ages of 11 and 21 who is doing outstanding work in the home, school or community can be nominated."

It was also announced that the Lord Lieutenant of Mid Glamorgan Kate Thomas has agreed to be the Trust's patron and ambassadors Roy Noble and Beverley Humphries will champion these awards.

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Peter

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Natalie

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CAPLE

Josephine (née Povey)

Suddenly at home on November 6, beloved wife of John (Ronald), adored mother of Helen, mother-in-law to Anthony, sister to Margaret and the late Tony. Originally from Cardiff, latterly Porthcawl.

Funeral service will take place in Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Wednesday, November 25 at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent direct to Redwing Horse Sanctuary, Hapton, Norwich NR1 1SP or Irish Wolfhound Rescue Trust, c/o Mr Roger Tebbutt, Glyn Llanbedgoch, Anglesey, LL76 5SX. All further enquiries to Rosemount Funeral Care, 19 Coychurch Road, Bridgend, CF31 3AP. Tel: 01656 653156.

LEWIS

Catherine Mathieson

On November 10, peacefully at home after a short illness, Catherine, aged 74, former colleague of SCAF RAF St Athan. Beloved wife of Dennis. Loving mother of Gary, Colin, Sandra and Claire. Grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 8. Cherished sister of Wilma, Margaret and Nancy. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

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REDPATH

Carol Jennifer

Passed away peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, on November 5, Carol, of Oakfield Road, Barry.

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POWELL

Cyril Gwynfa

On 12th November, at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Cyril Gwynfa, of Rogiet, near Caldicot, Monmouthshire, aged 91 years, born Tythegston, Porthcawl. Great Western Railway 49 years, Wales Noda and still singing. Dear husband of the late Marjorie and much loved dad of Susan.

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Val

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COOKE

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LEWIS

Margaret Elizabeth

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Eva

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The Barry and District league tables and latest results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Rhoose Social 8, West End 7; Liberals 8, Wyndham Cons 7.
League table: West End 63, Liberals 62, Wyndham Cons 61, Cadoxton Cons 56, West End Runaways 56, Rhoose Social 53, Moors Boys 39.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Rugby Club 1, Slammers 6, Cambrian Flyers 4, Allsorts 3; Rhoose Social B 6, Liberals C 1; Barries Boys 2, Sea View B 5; Liberals A 2, King William XII 5; West End D 6, Rhoose Social C 1; West End C 2, Rhoosters 5.

League table: Sea View B 47, King William XII 34, Rhoose Social B 31.5, Rugby Club 30, West End D 29, West End C 27, Slammers 26, Barries Boys 25, Allsorts 24.5, Liberals A 24.0, Rhoose Social A 23.5, Rhoosters 20, Liberals C 19.5, Cambrian Flyers 15, Rhoose Social C 9.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Market Street C 0, Cadoxton Cons B 5; Rhoose Social C 3, Penarth Cons B 2; Cadoxton Cons Z 3, Wyndham Cons A 2;

Rhoose Social B 0, Savoy A 5; West End C 3, Caddy Allstars 2.

League table: Savoy A 36, Harbour B 35, West End C 27, Cadoxton Cons B 25, Wyndham Cons A 23, Rhoose Social C 20, *Cadoxton Cons Z 20, Caddy Allstars 16, Rhoose Social B 14, Market Street C 13, Penarth Cons B 12.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Sully Sports A 1, Wyndham Cons C 4; West End B 0, Services Social B 5; Savoy B 3, Cadoxton Cons A 2; Market Street B 4, West End A 1.

League table: Liberators 34, Market Street B 27, Services Social B 27, Penarth Cons A 24, Savoy B 23, Wyndham Cons C 22, Cadoxton Cons A 19, Sully Sports A 19, West End B 17, West End A 16, Wyndham Cons D 12 (* = points deducted).

All league & cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

Sully Sports sides have a winning weekend!

SULLY Sports RFC travelled to Cardiff to play old rivals CIACs on a wet blustery day, and, after their defeat the previous weekend by league leaders Saracens, were determined to put on a better show.

The CIACs have not had too good a season so far, and have struggled to fulfil all their fixtures, but were able to field a full team, and despite atrocious weather and ground conditions, the game was on.

Although not a classic game, it was good to see the Sports start off well and control events for much of the time, and eventually run out victors by 39-10.

The whole team played with great passion and belief, none more so than Nathan Szuchnik who was having only his second outing in over a year following a serious injury.

Captain Jon Blake led from the base of the pack with one of seven tries, with the others coming from Jody Velda (2), Rhys Manford, Scott Sandford, Alex Szuchnik and Sam Bowditch. Jake Williams added two conversions.

Sully Sports seconds, playing only their

second game of the season, entertained local rivals Sea View RFC, and both sides found it very difficult in the wet and windy conditions.

It was obvious that the lack of game time for both sides, and the conditions, would result in a game devoid of fluidity and skill, despite the willingness and rivalry on the pitch.

Sea View edged the first half and led at the break by a converted try, scored by Nathan Hardy.

Playing with the strong wind at their backs in the second period, it was the Sports turn to gain the ascendancy.

Nick Taylor scored a try wide out, and the conversion was missed.

In the final quarter of the game the Sports were handed a chance to take

the lead with a penalty in front of the posts, but chose to run it and the Sea View defence held firm, but, with time running out, the Sports were awarded another penalty in the same position. Scott Mills stepped up to successfully convert it and clinch a 8-7 victory.

CLUB NOTICES

On Saturday, November 21, the first XV are at home to Ferndale RFC, kick off 2.30pm. On Friday, November 27, there is a reunion at the club from 7.30pm for veterans; and on Saturday, November 28, there is a hypnotist night - tickets £11 (including meal) available from R Gully, chairman, and at the Clubhouse.

MJS

Brynhill seniors golf round-up

ON Thursday, November 12, the Brynhill mens senior section held their annual presentation lunch.

The winners were as follows: Marcus Watts Trophy - Dave Gray; Tom Durbin Cup - Jeff Kones; Tony Pateman Cup - Daffyth Howells; Seniors Club Champion - Chris White; Senior Pairs - Keith Atkinson / Derek Coombes; Millennium Cup - Andy Dick; Eclectic Competition - Chris White/Ralph Thomas.

Many thanks to our caterers Gareth and Mark for an enjoyable lunch.

KD

Sully IBC earn excellent win

SULLY IBC welcomed Taff Ely IBC from Pontypridd to Sully Stadium for the reverse fixture of a Club Championships game, hoping to turn around the hammering they took in the first game of the season at Pontypridd.

A good win here would put Sully back into the mix and close the gap on leaders Newport and second placed Taff Ely, and with the way the fixtures are set the league title is wide open.

Before the game commenced there was a minute's silence to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the Paris massacre the previous evening.

The opening exchanges went in favour of the home side who went into an 11 shot lead by the end of the fifth end due to the excellent starts made by the rinks of Brian Griffiths, Fred Phillips and Brian Foscolo, ahead by 7, 5 and 4 shots respectively.

Between the sixth and 10th ends Sully went further ahead by 23 shots, with five rinks now ahead including Ken McLeod's and Chris Ackland's rinks who had now gained advantages, leaving Martin Clarke-Squires' rink with a deficit of four shots.

At the halfway stage the overall score now stood at 68-45 in favour of Sully but Taff Ely were contesting hard and over ends 11 to 15 this period was fairly even with the visitors only able to reduce their deficit by just two shots, still leaving Sully 21 shots ahead.

With six ends to play the rink of Phil Gershenson, John Jones, Roy Richards and Fred Phillips, who had played well all afternoon, continued

their form to gain a well-earned win, 27-14, while Foscolo's rink of Graham Cogbill, Graham Eastment and Mike Doyle continued their fine recent form, once again recording a fine win 22-13.

The rink of Morgan, Burton, Hudson and skip McLeod showed grit, leading after the second end and finally winning by 16-11, while Griffiths' rink, who have struggled in the previous two matches, finally managed to gain a win, scoring two 2's on the last couple of ends to win 21-18 after being one behind on the 19th end.

Chris Ackland's rink was having a tight game against the visitors' rink skipped by Adrian Dash and was only one adrift on the 16th end, but lost the last five ends and seven shots, losing 17-25.

Clarke-Squires' rink, 5-14 behind at end nine, kept hanging on, being two down on the 15th end, winning the next three ends and going ahead 19-18.

They then dropped a two to go one behind before making a good three on the 20th end to hold a two shot advantage going into the last end, but then managed to drop a two to tie their game 22-22.

The overall result was an excellent win for Sully, 125-103, gaining revenge for their early season defeat and with four of the six rinks winning and a tie, Sully gained 19 points to Taff Ely's three points, the overall score 125-103.

Sully play their last game before the Christmas break on Saturday against Ogwr at Bridgend at 2pm.

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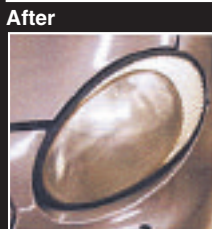
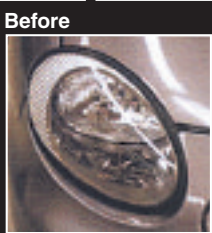
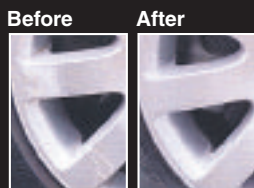
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Presentation night at Brynhill Golf Club



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AFTER a successful golfing season, presentation night at Brynhill Golf Club on November 7 was a glittering affair.

The glass and silverware trophies and cups were cleaned and polished and put on display ready to be presented to the worthy winners.

The president presented club ties to the Mail on Sunday team and wished them very good luck for their finals in Spain.

List of winners as follows: Chris Smith Cup winner - Scott Nelson, runner-up - Dan Peters; Bristol Cup winners - Richard Pierce & Andrew Davies, runners-up Daniel Williams & Nathan Clissold; Ernest Williams Cup winner - Craig Balchin; runner-up Wayne Adams; George Williams Cup winner - Bradley Dodd; runner-up Chris Evans. Gunners Cup winners - Simmon Pringle & Chris Jame; runners-up Michael Murray & Nigel Stephenson; Sir Robert Webber Cup winners - Gemma Evans & Andy Chick; runners-up Liz Taylor & Glenn Taylor; Harry Cocks Cup winner - Tony Thomas; runner-up Scott Warne.

Porth Cup winner - Colin Lewis; runner-up Gary Pudge; Bobe Hope Trophy winner - Doug Griggs, runner-up Steve Gould (best gross - Scott Warne); Tennessee Cup Rabbits & Tigers winners - Steve Wright, Andy Hilton, Peter Curtis & Glyn Coles; runners-up Nigel Stephenson, Stuart Robertson, John Kirkpatrick & Lee Jones; Queens Coronation Cup winner - Simmon Pringle; runner-up Lee Price; Victory Trophy winner - Glyn Coles; runner-up Ben Collins.

Seniors Championship Winner - John Kirkpatrick; runner-up Chris White; Hugh Howells Cup winner - Anne Phillips & John Griffiths; runner-up Andrea Page & Stephen Davies; Artillery Cup winner - Matthew Thomas & Carl Williams; runners-up Simmon Pringle & Jamie Griffiths.

McEnroe Cup winner - Mike Cook; runner-up Aaron Smith; Major Cope Cup winner - Goronwy Jones; runner-up Doug Griggs; Holme Towers Cup winner - Scott Nelson; runner-up Lee Jones (best gross - Scott Bowman).

Junior Gold Cup winners - Scott Bowman & Scott Warne; runners-up Jonathan Burrows & Craig Balchin; Don (The Fox) Cup winner - Chris Phillips; runner-up Scott Warne (best gross - Scott Warne); Dave Bruce Cup winner - Dave Morris; runner-up Aaron Smith (best gross - Aaron Smith); Champagne Breakfast winner - Steve Jones & Bob Bounds; runners-up Lee Price & Simon Bowsher.

Marcus Watt (nett) Cup winner - Glenn Taylor; runner-up Andrew Anstee; Ken Murphy (Gross) Cup winner - Scott Nelson; Brian Whitehouse Cup winner - Gareth Jones; runner-up Aaron Smith.

President's Cup winner - Daniel Williams; runner-up Richard Pierce; Caledonian Cup winner - Lee Jones & Chris Evans; runner-up Nathan Clissold & Daniel Williams; Kenyon Davies Cup winners - Lee Jones & Cael Penberthy; runners-up Simon Bowsher & Peter Inledon; Barry & District News Cup winners - Michael Murray & Andy Chick; runners-up Simmon Pringle & Colin Lewis; John Collins Foundation Cup winner - Julian Hopkins; runner-up Scott Nelson; Consolation Trophy winner - Richard Bond; runner-up Anthony Day (best gross

- Richard Bond); Victor Ludorum winner - Scott Nelson.

The men's first team this year had an indifferent season in their first season in the Premier League in nearly 20 years, as they struggled to get a settled team. This resulted in them finishing fifth out of six in the league and, unfortunately, getting relegated. However Brynhill first team was still the fifth best team in south Wales this season!

The first team also qualified for the Welsh team championships finals held at Glamorganshire in August, where they reached the last 16 in Wales.

The second team continued their winning ways and climb up the league tables by getting promoted this season for the second consecutive season. Congratulations to Sam Preston and his team.

Finally, and by far the best achievement, which came in the Mail on Sunday competition. This team consisted of first and second team players. The competition was an inter-club knockout open to every golf club in the UK.

The first round was in January and nine rounds later Brynhill have qualified to play in the finals in Spain at the end of November. Over 3,000 teams entered the competition and we are now down to the last four teams.

This is the first time Brynhill has ever won through to the finals in the competition and the only Welsh team to have got through to the finals this year.

BRIDGE RESULTS

RECENT results at the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club were as follows:

Monday, November 9, Children in Need Sims - 1st Tony Ratcliffe & Julian Pottage 73.58%; 2nd Mike Best & Kevin Maddox 62.78%; 3rd Alan Lewis & Tery Evans 59.38%.

Many thanks to all who supported us, we raised £250 for Children in Need. LE

PENARTH HOCKEY CLUB NEWS ROUND-UP

WITH the seconds on hiatus, the first and third XIs took centre stage for Penarth Hockey Club last weekend, not least the development side, which faced a GoCrea8 league double-header way out west in Lampeter.

BRIDGEND 1, PENARTH 5
Having seen off all-comers – often by double-figure scorelines – in the first swing of league encounters, Penarth finally faced the only other unbeaten side as they took on Bridgend in a top-of-the-table showdown to see who really were the top dogs in De Cymru and Marches 1.

Following days of heavy rainfall, the match reverted to Penarth, with the newly-laid Stanwell pitch faring a lot better in the conditions. It was the visitors who struck first, as a clever through ball found an available striker, who dribbled across the area before lifting the ball over Penarth keeper Adam Putt on his reverse.

The Vale side gradually regained their composure, however, and the first half remained an even affair. With seconds left in the period, their persistence paid off as a string of poor challenges

from Bridgend on the edge of their own 'D' gave Penarth one last penalty corner before the break.

Although the Bridgend 'keeper saving two initial efforts from Laith El Khatib, the ball eventually fell to David Joyce, who tapped home on the whistle.

The home side headed back into the fray full of confidence and wasted no time in seizing the advantage as Joyce received the ball in the Bridgend area and beat the keeper at his near post to put Penarth 2-1 up.

It took just five second half minutes for Joyce to complete his hat-trick as Penarth put together a move that began with a wind-assisted aerial from player-coach Ben Croxall to man-of-the-match Phil Lane. Lane drove in to the Bridgend 'D', drawing a foul that left the umpire with no option but to award a penalty stroke. Full of confidence, Joyce stepped up and finished emphatically, putting the ball high into the net to the keeper's right.

Croxall showed his class as he left three defenders in his wake before finding Joyce at the back post to notch his fourth goal of the game, while Chris Baker completed the scoring in typical fashion, driving into the 'D' before striking a low shot past the hapless Bridgend keeper to leave the score at 5-1 and Penarth now alone in top spot in their division.

TRINITY ST DAVID'S 0-7 PENARTH 'B'
TRINITY ST DAVID'S 0-6 PENARTH 'B'

After much haggling that followed the cancellation of Penarth's early-season trip to face the students of Trinity St David's, the Vale side was faced not only with a daunting trip to Pembrokeshire in appalling conditions, but also with the task of completing two back-to-back games on the same day in order to get their

fixture list back on track.

Penarth initially struggled to make their possession translate into goals against the bottom of the table side but, having settled into a controlled passing game, the floodgates opened and victory was secured by the comfortable margin on 7-0.

The novel twist of immediately commencing a second game to fulfil the fixture that had to be rearranged from earlier in the season could have been a pitfall for the visitors but, in a mirror image of the first match, the two sides proved competitive for 20 minutes before Penarth took control.

As soon as the Bees started to play with speed of pass and organisation throughout the line-up, they again proved too efficient for the hard-working student side, resulting in a second win, this time by the margin of 6-0, which lifted them to a mid-table spot in De Cymru 3.

The strike partnership of Dave Watkins and Sam Salisbury scored seven goals between them across both games while, defensively, Morgan Salisbury continues to grow in confidence, with his distribution from the pivotal right half position improving with every game.

While the third XI enjoy a weekend off to

recover from their trip west, the firsts and seconds both have the luxury of home fixtures at Stanwell School.

The senior side takes on Bristol & West, who moved into a share of second place in the division last week, while the second XI returns from a bye week to begin the second swing of De Cymru 2 fixtures against a Llanishen & Caerphilly side currently sitting third in the table.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7.15pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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Atoms hit hard against Pencoe

BARRY Atoms started off fast and hard in this game against Pencoe under-13s.

After winning a scrum the ball came to Jack L, who dispatched out to wide to Jack Reid for the first try.

The first half was closed out with another strong performance by Jack R, who scored a fine try out wide.

The second half saw Rory's customary run and a try before Kyle scored on his debut after

a great run.

Pencoe then scored their first try, but we responded as Daf scored a try in the corner after more play through several phases. Jac N ran almost the length of the pitch to score, and though Pencoe added a second try, Jack R finished out the game with an unstoppable try.

Team: Connor, Jack L, Rory, Zak, Jack R, Adam, Ethan, Owen, Ben, Rhys, Harry, Jamie, Daf, Fin, Anton, Kaiden, Cai, Jac N, Kyle, Jack W, Tristan.

DD

Rhosee lady bowlers in action

RHOSEE lady bowlers travelled to Penarth Short Mat with two rinks.

After a slow start, Anita Shears rink had a good win 13- 11; the rink skipped by Rachel Green only just lost by three shots.

The ladies enjoyed the afternoon and look forward to the next match in the new year.

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The Barry and District mens skittles league

DIVISION 1:

Colcot Boys (T.Sherrin, J.James, B.Sullivan 27) 268, Geest (S.R.Jones 27) 271; Ex-Servicemen (G.Dent, D.Dawkins, D.Kuhnell 26) 264, 49's (R.Bolt 29) 268; Geest (J.Hawkins 26) 146, Ex-Servicemen (G.Dent 30) 267; The Hairy Lemons (K.Silvey 28) 282, Blue Monkey (D.Brown 29) 296; The Merryman (R.Bilton, A.Cockram 30) 316, Blue Monkey (M.Weaver 33) 293.

DIVISION 2:

Abercete (D.Andold 30) 274, Park Rangers (G.Bennett 29) 268; Posties (M.Churchill 31) 292, Cannon Balls (D.Cannon 31) 282; The Royalists (M.Durman

25) 255, 'H' Bells (E.Collier, K.Lewis 30) 291; Tynnewydd Lads (J.Stacey 28) 255, Willie Wombles (J.Kemp 26) 270; Tynny Fliers (D.Everett 29) 282, Buffs Exiles (A.Boucheron 29) 290; Tynny Fliers (M.Kirke, P.Snook 28) 294, Park Lads (R.White 31) 294; Willie Wombles (E.Robson 28) 281, Buffs Exiles (B.Saunders 29) 288; Witchill Poachers (R.Ashby 36) 254, Tynnewydd Lads (D.Kerslake 36) 339.

DIVISION 3:

Billy Bluebirds (A.James 29) 271, KP Monkeynuts (N.Clarke 31) 274; Billy Whizz (A.O'Brien 26) 263, West End Stars (T.Clements 30) 279; British Rail

(T.Williams 30) 284, C.U.D.(L.Chadwick 31) 281; Castle Boys (J.Champ 31) 278, Mariner Vikings (S.Grant 25) 244; Glenbrook Fangers (S.Breen 28) 262, KP Monkeynuts (P.Best 27) 263; Mariner Vikings (T.Morris 23) 229, C.U.D. (C.Sheppard 26) 245; Up The Mariner (M.Morris, A.Tipton, T.Weoman 24) 245, Castle Boys (P.Henbury 25) 211; Up The Mariner (T.Yeoman 27) 246, The Alternatives (M.Moyle 29) 263; West End Fliers (A.Snooks 28) 248, Billy Bluebirds (D.Davey 28) 273.

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Dinas Powys FC exit the League Cup after defeat

DESPITE bowing out of this year's competition, Dinas took a lot of positives from this game against Taffs Well, keeping their shape well and creating a number of scoring opportunities.

Because of the inclement weather, this game was switched to the 3G pitch at Llanrumney playing fields to get the fixture played.

As expected Taffs Well had the lion's share of possession but the young Dinas team had listened to the instructions given by the management team and played some excellent football at times.

An early ball down the right flank from Rhys Harlin sent King Junior Mwedzo on his way but he was eventually dispossessed. At the other end a through ball found Jason Bertorelli but his effort was wide.

Adam Jones then squared a ball to Mwedzo who hit a sweet shot just wide of Neil Collins' upright.

Taffs won the first corner which was dealt with by Dinas captain Ben Luck; however the Division One side looked dangerous at times and their passing and movement was keeping the Dinas back four on their toes.

Both teams were awarded direct free kicks from outside the area - Taffs' taken by Tyrone Topper was off target and Nicky Bruce, for Dinas, was also wide.

On the 30 minute mark Taffs Well took the lead when a shot

by Bertorelli took a big deflection off a Dinas defender leaving James Curtin stranded.

Just eight minutes later Dinas levelled when Nicky Bruce drove through the Taffs defence and hit a powerful shot which Collins could only parry into the path of Mwedzo and he tucked the ball home just inside the post for 1-1.

Bertorelli then evaded several tackles to get into the Dinas box but, again, failed to hit the target.

Mwedzo was having a great game for Dinas and, picking the ball up just outside the box, he hit a rasping shot just wide with Collins scrambling across to cover it.

The last action of the first half was a Taffs Well corner which found the head of Jac Evans who headed downwards on target but Curtin dived on the ball to smother the danger and at 1-1 Dinas were certainly still in the game.

Although the rain eased slightly at the start of the second period the wind picked up making conditions very difficult.

The Villagers had the first chance; a Bruce free kick reached Mwedzo who back-heeled the ball on target but Collins took it comfortably.

However, just three minutes into the half Taffs Well took the lead again, as a cross from the left was headed home by Topper from close range.

Dinas began to assert themselves again with Keiron James, Bruce and Rhys Palmer battling hard for possession, and it was Adam Jones who played Mwedzo in. He got a good shot away on target bringing a fine save from Collins.

With 30 minutes still to play Taffs skipper Evans picked the ball up in midfield and hit an unstoppable shot into the top corner for 3-1 to virtually make the tie safe. Dinas then rang the changes, taking off striker Scott Muir for Nathan Donnelly.

A mention must be made of Dinas' two young full backs who both had fine games, Rhys Harlin and Mason Ah-Mun, and it was the latter who powered down the wing, laying the ball off to Mwedzo who cut inside and curled a shot in which hit the crossbar.

At the other end Dinas had James to thank for clearing a goal-bound ball off the line.

With just five minutes remaining Taffs Well added a fourth goal which rather flattered the scoreline, substitute Harry Collins netting from close range.

Squad: 1 James Curtin, 2 Rhys Harlin, 3 Mason Ah-Mun, 4 Ben Luck (c), 5 James Marr, 6 Nicky Bruce, 7 Rhys Palmer, 8 Keiron James, 9 Scott Muir, 10 King Junior Mwedzo (1), 11 Adam Jones, 12 Luke Swaffield, 14 Nathan Donnelly, 15 Paul Caulfield, 16 Tom Edwards, 17 Steffan Ross.

This Saturday, November 21, Dinas are back in league action when they travel East to take on Undy Athletic with a 2pm kick off.

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GAME GOES TO THE WIRE AS BARRY BEAT RISCA

BARRY Town marked their first floodlit match since the re-opening of Jenner Park with a 4-1 win over perennial adversaries Risca United, in a match that remained a close affair until its final minutes.

On the scoresheet for Barry in the Welsh League Division One fixture were strikers James Dixon and Jordan Cotterill, as well as the returning Rhys James, who made his first appearance after eight weeks out with a broken collarbone.

Defender Bobby Briers meanwhile continued his run of successful spot kicks, dispatching an emphatic penalty after teammate Drew Fahiya was

adjudged to have been brought to the ground unfairly.

Wales international David Cotterill was among the interested spectators at Jenner Park, on an evening that saw the Town climb to fifth in the table in their first league game on the new 3G surface.

Barry's next senior action at Jenner Park will be on Saturday, November 28, when they welcome Aberdare Town back to the Vale, this time for a Welsh League encounter (2pm kick-off).

Gavin Chesterfield's side were 7-2 winners of the recent Welsh Cup meeting of the clubs, which set up a third round tie with north Wales opponents Denbigh Town at Jenner Park on Saturday, December 5.

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Rhys James (right) scored on his return to the Barry side. Picture by MyYearInTheWelshLeague.wordpress.com.

Golf team tee up double win!

THE Vale Resort's junior golf team is celebrating a double victory after winning two consecutive regional golfing championships.

The team, captained by Jack Wiggins, 16 from Tonyrefail, and made up of Grace Connolly, 14 from Miskin, Oliver Brown, 17 from Cowbridge, Morgan Grace, 16 from Glynneath, Ronan Oliver, 15 from Pontyclun and Ben Davies, 15 from Cardiff, achieved first place in the Welsh Junior Inter-Club Championships in Builth Wells this October, securing them a place at the Home Nations Inter-Club Championships in Andalucía, Spain in 2016.

Securing a second victory, the Vale junior team, joined by Callaghan Smith, 13 from Miskin and Jordan Oliver, 13 from Pontyclun, went on to beat the experienced Neath junior team in four nail-biting games at the Glamorgan County east vs. west final held at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club in October.

Clive Coombs, the Vale Resort's golf operations manager, said: "The junior team has proved themselves to be formidable golfing opponents with their latest round of success at a regional level. Each player brought individual strengths to the teams and they played some fantastic rounds of golf throughout both competitions.

"We are incredibly proud of how hard the teams have worked this year and the double victory reflects the level

of investment the Vale Resort puts into nurturing our junior members through the golf Academy to be the great golfing stars of the future.

"We are all looking forward to the Home Nations Inter-Club Championships in Andalucía and hope to repeat our success of 2013 and bring home the trophy!"

Speaking of the double victory, team captain, Jack Wiggins, said: "I feel honoured to be the captain of such incredible teams who all gave their best efforts in some tricky games against the country's top junior players. These two wins give us all the confidence we need ahead of the next level of championships in Spain next year."

The teams are made up of players who have come through the Vale Resort's Junior Golfing Academy, which has produced young golfing stars such as the European Amateur Championship Cup winner, Rhys Pugh.

To celebrate the recent successes of the junior golfing team, the Vale is currently offering a special junior golfing membership package.

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Evan's winning run continues!

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams' winning streak continues; his seven-year-old *On Tour* had won the novices' chase under Paul Moloney at Exeter last Wednesday, beating the odds-on favourite *Otogo* Trail by half-a-length and he was back in the winners' enclosure at Ludlow 24 hours later after his nine-year-old bay gelding, *King Massini*, partnered by in-form Adam Wedge, landed the Injured Jockeys Fund Handicap Chase by two-and-a-half lengths from *Rockiteer*.

On Tour was a 9-4 chance and *King Massini* went off the 3-1 favourite in a field of 11 runners. The latter was Evan's 50th winner at Ludlow where he is the leading trainer.

Earlier in the day, Bridgend's Rhys Flint, riding the top weighted *Helium* for Alexandra Dunn, won the Support The Ludlow On Course Bookmakers Novices' Limited Handicap Chase coming home 12 lengths ahead of *Queen Olivia*. Rhys was winning on the 10-year-old *Helium* for the third time on the bounce.

THE Evan Williams bandwagon keeps rolling on. After Paul Moloney won on *Aqua Dude* (5-2) for him at Southwell on Monday, the Llanrcarf ex-farmer had a double at Sedgfield on Tuesday with *Poulancassy* (5-2) and *Hughesie* (3-1).

Both were ridden by Adam Wedge and the former won by one-and-a-quarter lengths from the favourite *Good*

Vibration and the latter got home half a length ahead of *Rear Admiral* to complete a 13-1 double.

UNLUCKY BUYWISE

JUST MISSES OUT BUYWISE, an eight-year-old bay gelding trained at Llanrcarf by Evan Williams, could be counted an unlucky loser of the £91,120 Paddy Power Cup Steeplechase at Cheltenham last Saturday.

Ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, Buywise, who was fifth in the race last year, was beaten just half-a-length by the Alan King trained Annacotty after coming with a great late run and after getting in all sorts of trouble and making a hash of several of his fences.

Evan told the press: "The horse ran a great race. It's difficult to say this in second place but he's been given a very, very good ride and we have no excuses."

Moloney said: "Buywise did well considering I was in a lot of trouble at the top of the hill and he's done really well to slog on."

Buywise, a former good winning hurdler, still earned his connections £34,000 for finishing in the runners-up spot.

Sean Bowen, son of Pembrokehire trainer Peter Bowen, landed the Regulatory Finance Solutions Handicap Hurdle on his father Peter's Ron's Dream.

He said: "Ron's Dream just kept picking up and she's improved a lot. It was great winning this for mum and dad."

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Once the pattern sections were over, the point sparring got under way. First up was the girls' pee wee green belt point sparring, where Maddison Allen took first, with Charlie Rogers and Thea Cunningham both

taking third place in the girls' junior Green belt categories. Leland Butler fought his way through to take third place in the boys' junior yellow belt category.

Competing in a very strong boys' red belt middleweight continuous sparring we had Cameron Evans and Ethan Andrus. Both made the finals, with Cameron taking first and Ethan coming away with the third place.

Competing for the first time in the junior boys' black belt light, middle and heavyweight categories we had Cian Allen, Jake Quigley, Cody Jacobsen and Joel Wells. All gave a good account of themselves, with Cian taking the bronze in the middleweights.

Competing in the girls' middleweight category, Lucy Newman fought her way through to the final, taking first place and

the gold. Once again dominating the womens' black belt lightweight continuous sparring was Keita Enfield, who went on to take gold.

In the mens' black belt lightweight continuous sparring, Matthew Bennett reached the final, which went into extra time three times. Matthew's fitness showed, as he eventually took first place.

The event ended with the adult and junior teams synchronised patterns. With only a short time to prepare, we put a junior team in consisting of Lucy Newman, Cody Jacobsen and Cian Allen and they took second place and the silver medal.

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RT

New Ross Town pay a visit to Barry!

NEW Ross Town under-12s of Ireland recently visited Barry to play Barry Town United under-13s; the following report was written by Leighton Thomas, the coach of the boys from New Ross.

The club's first international trip was a huge success. The under-12 boys who travelled were not only a credit to themselves and the club, but represented their town remarkably. They were treated like VIPs for the weekend by Barry Town United and these memories will last a lifetime. Both clubs formed a bond and we look forward to hosting our Welsh counterparts in the near future.

On Saturday morning the group headed to Jenner Park, the home of Barry Town United AFC. This ground has hosted Champions League games and saw Barry Town defeat the mighty Porto 3-1 in 2001. The club's senior match day programme noted that New Ross Town are the first overseas club to visit Jenner Park since Skonto Riga in 2003. Irish goalkeeper David Forde has also played for Barry Town.

As the boys entered the ground at 9am Barry Town hoisted the Irish and Welsh flags. Excitement kicked in and running on to the field couldn't come soon enough. The warm up took place in front of the paparazzi parents before heading back into the changing room for the pre-match talk.

As kick off approached the boys lined up in the tunnel alongside the Barry Town under-13 boys. They were led onto the pitch by the referee and his linesmen, and as the players turned down the running track the away supporters could be heard from the stands.

Both clubs then lined up in the centre of the pitch for photos and the captains exchanged club pennants. Barry Town presented a lovely framed Barry jersey for the occasion.

The match began with the fans cheering from the stands. The noise created from the

stands was amazing and the boys later commented on how great it was and that it gave them an idea of what it must be like for the professionals.

The rain came down briefly but this didn't dampen the spirit showed by the Ross boys. Every ball was fought for and though they gave everything the Barry boys got the breakthrough in the first half.

The Barry boys showed they were an excellent footballing side and through some lovely passing moves produced a couple more goals, yet the Ross Town boys kept battling until the last whistle. The match ended in defeat but the Ross Town boys did themselves proud against a very strong Barry Town team.

Every player gave 100 per cent and on another day a couple of chances may have gone in. They certainly had the travelling support on their toes and gave them something to cheer about throughout the game.

After the match both teams headed for the changing rooms and the Barry Town players and coaches gave a guard of honour to the Ross Town boys and presented the Welsh and Irish flags to the team.

The boys sat in the dressing room with a smile still on their faces and several Barry Town club members and staff spoke to them about how well they had performed. The head referee came into the dressing room and announced Cathal Mooney as the man of the match.

This was well deserved and the parents would later reward Cathal with a Cardiff City shirt for his efforts.

Barry Town then laid on food for the group and afterwards Barry Town United manager Gavin Chesterfield spoke to the boys and said they had impressed him with how they kept going until the end and tried to play football even though the scoreline was against them.

Gavin had only recently claimed the Victory Shield with the Welsh under-16 team and for Gavin to speak with the boys, praise them and shake every players hand had them all looking up with excitement and left them feeling that they had done well.

On Saturday afternoon the lads and parents travelled to Cardiff for the Championship match between Cardiff City and Reading. It's only fair to say that after purchasing half of the Cardiff City shop, the boys entered the stadium and became

supporters that had the whole ground turning their heads to see the loudest kids in there!

The excitement they created was infectious with even the stewards jumping in for a photo at the end of the game. The boys sang and cheered throughout. The game ended in a 2-0 win for Cardiff and the boys were the last supporters in the ground.

The group proceeded to the players entrance outside the ground, where any player wanting to get in their car had to have a selfie first; former Manchester United player Federico Macheda was first out followed by Noone, Tomas and Shola Ameobi.

The weekend was over and Sunday saw a tired group depart Wales. The train journey and boat were a bit quieter but some still had energy for a rugby match on board. This was definitely not the parents!

The club is so thankful to the many people and now friends who made this trip possible. Everyone involved at Barry Town helped to create a memorable trip for our boys.

Thanks to Mark Barrett, a sponsor of Barry Town, who invited our club over and helped to arrange the game against Barry's under-13 team.

Mark also provided the 33 match tickets for the Cardiff match which was an amazing gesture to the whole group. For Barry Town United there was Gavin and Hannah Chesterfield who planned the match day activities at Jenner Park, the Barry under-13 squad including coaches who were fantastic on the day and very professional throughout, and the many club officials who spoke brilliantly to our kids before and after the game.

From our own club thanks go to the parents that travelled on the trip. They made the whole trip run smoothly while getting in on the craic along the way; and finally to the heroes of this trip who each deserve special mention - Shaun Hearn, Niall Mooney, Cathal Mooney, Sean Barry, Diarmuid Barry, Sean O'Brien, Chris Murphy, Evan Katus, Bobby Katus, Cillian Thomas, Finn Waters, Conor Kutay, Conor Bolger, Liam O' Neill, and Harry Stafford.

Each of them is a joy to coach, and both myself and the club are very proud of every one of them. We look forward to our next trip.

LEIGHTON THOMAS (ROSS TOWN FC)

BARRY RFC UP TO FIFTH

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As expected, it was Barry's turn to have the territory as the second half began, but several attempts to drive over were repelled by some stubborn defence by the visitors. This defensive effort was to hold out for nearly 15 minutes as they frustrated Barry and it took a clever snipe from Lee close to the line to break the deadlock. With the kick successful, Barry led by 10 points.

Barry substituted Hadfield and Ring for Taylor and Vidal as they began to run the ball at every opportunity, and but for some handling errors and a bit of white line fever, could have been further ahead.

However, it was only a matter of time before they would get a score and it followed a good drive at the scrum, which created space on the outside for Scott to feed Provis, who went over with his first touch of the ball after coming on as a substitute. The kick from wide out failed but gave

Barry the lead, 25-10, with 12 minutes left.

The pattern of the half remained as the visitors found it difficult to get out of their 22 and were under constant pressure as Barry searched for the try that would earn them a vital bonus point.

Chances came and went, and it was left to the nimble-footed Hollister, who received a tap penalty, to force his way through and over the line for a try which went unconverted and ended the scoring, and the match.

The game was a credit to both sides who provided the spectators with an entertaining game in difficult conditions.

This Saturday Barry play away at St Peters, kick off 2.30pm, in a difficult league fixture.

A reminder that the Christmas draw takes place on December 5, and we would ask that those selling tickets return the counterfoils to the club as soon as possible - they can be left at the bar with Carol.

AJ

Hockey's Beth helps to inspire youngsters

WELSH hockey international Beth Fisher co-hosted a young ambassadors training day in Barry recently as part of a scheme run by the Vale Council to get more young people involved in sport at school.

Fisher, who has amassed 49 caps for Wales, attended in her capacity as a Sky Sports Living for Sport Mentor and talked about her own experience in sports and how the young ambassadors could inspire fellow pupils to participate in sports.

The young ambassador movement aims to empower and inspire young people to become role models and leaders through sport, by developing their confidence and skills in order to increase physical participation in

others.

The Council's sports development team is currently working with over 100 young ambassadors across the Vale. These include bronze ambassadors based in primary schools and silver and gold ambassadors in secondary schools.

Every year the Vale provides the ambassadors with an annual training day to ensure that the young people are equipped to deliver activities within their schools.

The Vale Council's Sport Development Workforce Co-ordinator, Steffan Williams, said: "This is an extremely exciting scheme that will provide invaluable experience for young people to inspire fellow pupils to participate in physical activity."

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YOUTH TO THE FORE AS POSITIVES COME OUT OF NETHERLANDS DEFEAT

IT was always going to be an interesting test for Wales, against a Netherlands side who had failed to qualify for next summer's European Championships, and a test made all that more difficult by the absence through injury of several key players, most notably Gareth Bale and Aaron Ramsey.

In their previous seven encounters with the men in orange, Wales had failed to manage even a draw, losing all seven and conceding 21 goals into the bargain (although a third of those came from the embarrassing 7-1 reverse in Eindhoven in 1996 under the auspicious leadership of fan's least-favourite, Bobby Gould).

It may have proved a case of same old story on Friday night at the Cardiff City Stadium, but despite the 3-2 defeat (the first reverse suffered at home in just over two years) there were plenty of positives to take from the game - and a few negatives.

In drenched conditions that saw heavy rainfall, it was an inauspicious start for Chris Coleman's team, as the Dutch, led by the highly-impressive Arjen Robben, got out of the blocks the quicker, keeping the ball and pressing for the

opening.

When Wales did get on the ball they looked to Johnny Williams and Tom Lawrence for the creative spark going forward that would normally be provided by the absent Ramsey and Bale, and the pair applied themselves with verve and energy, consistently looking to run at the Dutch defence and search for openings.

In what was a fairly even game, it was the Netherlands who struck first, as the Welsh defence were unable to deal with Dutch pressure around the area and Dost headed powerfully home, giving Wayne Hennessey little chance.

Undaunted, and buoyed by a vociferous 25,000-strong crowd, the Welsh looked for a way back into the game and found one on the stroke of half-time when the referee adjudged that Kongolo had handled Ben Davies' volley, and though Joe Allen's weak penalty was saved by Clissen, Joe Ledley was on hand to dispatch the rebound.

The second half continued in the same vein as the first, both sides battling to break the other down, and it was the Dutch who regained the lead with a top-class individual effort from Robben, the captain shaking off the boos of the crowd in immitable style.

However this Welsh team were not daunted by this setback, and after a spell of

by GARETH JAMIESON



Despite the 3-2 defeat, there were plenty of positives for Wales to take out of this game, including the impressive performances of Tom Lawrence (left) and substitute, and second goalscorer, Emrys Huws (right).
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pressure, Allen's perfectly-aimed cross found the head of substitute Emrys Huws, who headed home to the delight of players and supporters.

It was a game that seemed to have another goal in it, and sadly for Wales, it came from the Netherlands. It was Robben again who had the final say, another individual moment of brilliance seeing him slip the ball past substitute goalkeeper Owain Fon Williams to make it 3-2.

So Wales' first Euro 2016 warm-up may have ended in defeat but there were many positives to take from the game, not least the way some of the players stepped up to be counted when it mattered. Not only were the team not overawed by the Dutch, the likes of Tom Lawrence, Johnny Williams, and substitutes Huws and George Williams provided the type of direct running that sent the Dutch defence hurtling back, their pace and youthful energy

providing a much-needed spark for the team.

The fact that Wales looked competitive throughout will be a boost to Chris Coleman as he starts to consider the squad he'll be taking to France next summer, and that fringe players such as Lawrence, Huws and George Williams looked so accomplished can only be a positive in the countdown to the European Championships.

What may be a little more concerning for Coleman was the fragility of the team when called upon to defend. The rearguard action during the qualifying campaign was beyond impressive, conceding only four goals in 10 games, but too often on Friday the high-pressing Dutch were quick to pressurise the defence, especially the pacy Robben, who took great delight in carving open opportunities.

With talisman Ashley Williams replaced at half-time by James Collins, the defensive frailty was even more apparent, and had Robben been closed down more quickly, one or both of his goals may well have been prevented, something to ponder going forward as Collins, in particular, looked woefully off the pace against his speedy opposition.

Then there is the conundrum of Joe Allen - in the build-up to this game Allen was vociferous in how players needed to step up and show that there was

more to this Wales team than just Gareth Bale; yet on the evidence of the game the midfielder was one of the few who failed to do that.

Unsure going forward, unsteady when on the back foot and the ignominy of a missed penalty - Allen had a bad day at the office, and when you consider the way others performed, and offered so much more, you have to wonder what he offers other than being one of the elder statesmen of this young team.

So, much to take on board for manager Chris Coleman, who after the match said: "We always want to win, we wanted a result and we didn't get that but we got a lot of other things out of the game."

"We were competitive. We used our full number of six substitutes and were still competitive. Overall I'm not too disappointed."

And neither should he be, for this result was hardly disastrous; instead it was a valuable learning curve for this team as they shape up for the excitement of next summer's European Championships.

The positives outweighed the negatives and the bleeding of the likes of Lawrence gives the squad a greater level of experience and depth going forward - something that Coleman will no doubt welcome in the months to come.

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Barry brave the elements to maintain their unbeaten run



Conditions were poor on Saturday but that didn't stop Barry RFC grabbing a 30-10 win against Treherbert, which saw them climb to fifth in the league table. PICTURES BY HOWARD POOLE.

AT a wet and blustery Reservoir Field last Saturday, Barry maintained their recent good form, beating Treherbert 30-10 and earning a bonus point in the process to move them into fifth position in the league.

Playing against the elements and slope in the first half, Barry took the sensible option of keeping ball in hand and were rewarded as early as the fifth minute, when Scott took the opportunity to slot over a penalty for an early lead.

With the visitors also opting to run the ball when possible, an entertaining game ensued, obviously littered with unforced errors on both sides, but made all the more enjoyable due to the attitude of the players.

With the strong wind at their backs the visitors held territorial advantage and gained some dangerous field positions to bring their backs into play and, but for the last pass not going to hand, could have scored on more than one occasion.

At this stage the home defence had been sound and they continued to counter attack when possible and following a scrum, the ball was fed to White, who spotting the 'drift' raced into the gap to cross from 50 yards out for a fine try, successfully converted by Scott, to give them a 10 point lead after 20 minutes.

From the restart the visitors were awarded a penalty close to the posts which was successful.

Attack and counter attack was the order of the day as the half progressed, with chances being missed by both sides as conditions took their toll.

A 70-yard clearance from the visitors once again took near to the Barry line and despite initially winning the ball against the head, Treherbert somehow managed to regain it for the ball to reach the outside half who cleverly beat off the home tacklers to score a fine try which, with the conversion successful, brought the scores level.

Barry were having some success in

stealing opposition ball at both scrum and lineout, giving them the chance to launch attacks and after one such effort broke down the visitors nearly scored on half-time with Barry finding it difficult to control the greasy ball, only for the visitors to concede a penalty to Barry's relief.

There was however further reward for Barry as their forwards drove upfield forcing the visitors to concede two penalties in succession, giving Scott the chance to give Barry the lead from 40 yards, a chance he duly took.

With Barry to play with the elements in the second half, the three point lead had been earned through a mixture of good tactical awareness combined with a solid defensive effort by the whole team and to switch with any sort of lead was an achievement in itself, bearing in mind the elements.

O'Sullivan had replaced the injured Poole prior to half-time for his long awaited comeback from injury.

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